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National Volunteer Week is April 18 - 24



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

WE DELIVER - One of the many ways to volunteer your time in Crawford County is by delivering meals to shut-ins through a program called Meal-On-Wheels. Volunteer Melvin Fishell loads up his car in preparation to deliver meals to 31 people on his route throughout Grayling. The Meals-On-Wheels program is always looking for drivers to fill in when the need arises.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Over 80 meals are delivered each day by Meals-On-Wheels' volunteer drivers, also known as "Knights of the Road." They are just a fraction of the folks who selflessly volunteer their time and energy for worthy causes in Crawford County.

The Meals-On-Wheels program is funded by tax dollars and private donations. It serves hot, nutritious, tasty meals each weekday to senior citizens and disabled people throughout the county.

For many of these people, the meal provided to them by Meals-On-Wheels is the only hot, well-balanced meal they have each day. Weekend meals are frozen and delivered with the Friday meal. Juice, milk, bread, butter and desserts are furnished, too.

"Our drivers are our eyes and ears," said Nova Anderson, Director of the Commission on Aging. "By delivering a meal to a home-bound senior, we are able to check on those living alone. Sometimes our drivers are the only people our seniors have daily contact with."

Besides personal vehicles, meals are also delivered throughout the county by Dial-A-Ride bus drivers.

For more information on Meals-On-Wheels and other senior programs, call 348-7123.

Beaver Creek master plan includes mall

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

Although Beaver Creek Township plans to develop a shopping mall at the south-east corner of Four Mile Road and I-75, only the idea and concept are in place so far.

The township's forthcoming "master plan," which will contain plans for a mall, basically outlines what the community wants for itself in the long run. This will designate the area for commercial development.

According to Lee Riley, the Beaver Creek Township supervisor, "The state historically waits for someone to trade property for other property which is currently available."

The approximately 190 acres of state land, proposed for the building site, will be exchanged for land that the developer will purchase. "The state knows what land it wants," said Riley.

If a mall is not built on the site, Riley hopes the land will be set aside for prime commercial development.

Phone service considered for Beaver Creek transfer site

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

The possibility of a cellular telephone for Beaver Creek Township's transfer site was discussed at their last monthly meeting on April 12. They have had no way to call for emergencies in the past. Steve Brown, the transfer site attendant, said "Sometimes people don't want to call for you."

Brown is alone at the transfer station, unless county residents are dumping garbage or recycling materials. "At least he can call 911," said Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township supervisor.

The township board decided to look into monthly and yearly prices for a phone and service, after various citizens explained that, at the very minimum, Brown should be able to dial 911.

"We'd like to give you one (a phone)," said two Beaver Creek citizens. The offer to donate a cellular telephone prompted the township board to investigate the matter further.

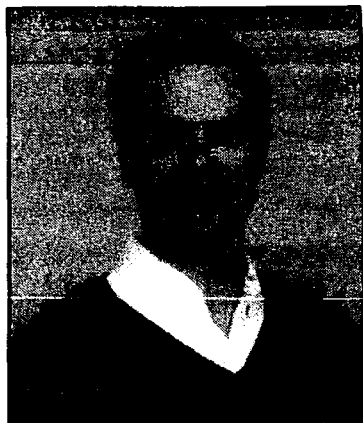
Public invited to memorial tree planting

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Ask anyone who knew or worked with David Lemmen and they will smile and tell you what a great guy he was. That is why Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds made a request to the County Board of Commissioners to plant a tree in his memory on Arbor Day.

The Board gave their unanimous approval, after a few moments of reminiscing about Lemmen's kindness and love of the river, at their April 14 regular meeting.

Lemmen was only 50 years of age when he died on December 8, 1994, but his friends and former co-workers remember how he lit up the County Building each day he came



David M. Lemmen

to work, for about 17 years, as a State of Michigan employee and Circuit Court Probation Officer.

On April 30, at 3:30 p.m., a nine-foot Flowering Crab Indian Magic tree will be planted in Lemmen's memory on the grounds of the County Building. The tree will be purchased with an Arbor Day grant recently obtained by the County.

The public is welcome to attend the tree planting ceremony and share their fly fishing stories in honor of Lemmen's favorite time of year.

Moore said, in the near future, a park bench dedicated in Lemmen's memory will be placed near the tree so that citizens may enjoy a quiet moment near the river as Lemmen often did.

The bench will be purchased with private funds.

Adopt-A-Highway season begins again

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) opens its Tenth Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) season April 24 - May 2. About 3,000 groups will beautify Michigan roadides over the nine-day period.

Thousands of orange-vested volunteers will continue a tradition of scouring 6,700 miles of state roadides for litter.

Besides providing vests, trash bags, and identification signs, MDOT annually supplies each of

the groups with safety instructions and requires volunteers to participate in safety training before each pick-up season.

Drivers are encouraged to help assure a safe pick-up by driving extra cautiously as they approach the working roadside volunteers.

The three annual pick-up periods are seasonal and coordinate with MDOT's mowing operations and Michigan's tourist season. Additional 1999 dates are July 11 -

25 and September 25 - October 3.

For information on adopting a two-mile section of state highway, call MDOT at (517) 322-3388, or visit the Department's web site at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/adopt

Volunteers Light the Way!

This April 18-24, volunteer centers, businesses, civic and service organizations across the county are celebrating the 26th annual National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 by President Richard Nixon.

The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week is "Volunteers Light the Way!"

Recent surveys underscore the importance of citizen involvement. One study by the National Commission on Philanthropy and Civic Renewal found that most Americans think volunteering plays an important role in society.

According to a 1998 survey sponsored by UPS, two out of five citizens would like to do more volunteer work. This week the Kirtland Volunteer Action Center is asking those who have not yet volunteered their time to let them help, connect you with a need in your area.

Robert K. Goodwin, the President and CEO of The Points of Light Foundation, which spon-



sors National Volunteer Week, said "Volunteers impact our communities not only because they make America a better place for others but because they ultimately become better Americans through their service."

One hour of volunteer time is worth \$13.74, according to a 1997 Independent Sector report. Several ceremonies recognizing volunteer efforts will be held in the area during National Volunteer Week. The Kirtland Volunteer Action Center welcomes volunteers and interested persons to visit their offices during this week.

To find out more about volunteering or about the Kirtland Volunteer Action Center, please call the Center's toll free number: 1-877-331-2333.

Kappet's Trail fire reminder of need to use caution

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

A grass fire charred about one and one-half acres of vacant land between two houses on Kappet's Trail on Tuesday, April 13.

The Grayling Township Fire Department was called early that evening to the location near the site of the Stephan Bridge fire of May, 1990 and Pappy's Trail.

"Regenerated trees primarily

burned," said Duane Brooks, spokesman for the Grayling Fire Department.

Three township fire trucks arrived on the scene and proceeded to contain the fire with water. A tractor was also used to plow a control line - a six-foot furrow in the ground - which prevented the fire from spreading.

"We took away the ground fuel," said Brooks.



Milltown Follies photos by Cheryl Ruley

FOLLIES RAISE FUNDS - The sixth annual Milltown Follies entertained a full house on April 16 and raised over \$1,300 for Habitat for Humanity. Above, the Milltown Tappers dance one of four routines and (left) Rose Jagartsa performed *Unchained Melody*. The average age of Follies' participants this year was 80 years.

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QUOTES FROM VOLUNTEERS

1. Why did you choose to be a volunteer?

"I'm a survivor. I feel my insight and experiences with domestic violence will help other women who are going through it. Now that I'm a "thrivor" I want other women to have that same opportunity."

-K.M. River House Shelter Volunteer

"I felt I should use my time to make a difference."

-Jack Mehl, Mercy Hospital Volunteer

"I'm at a point in my life when I have the time to do it and I know that the world is a better place because of volunteers."

-M.B. Mercy Amicare Volunteer

"I have many blessings in my life and I want to share them with some that have not had as many."

-L.H. River House Shelter Volunteer

"I enjoy being with people. I hope I'm helping."

-Martha Taylor, Mercy Hospital Volunteer

"I like being with people, it's a challenge. I also like being busy and working."

-Gen McCleery, Mercy Hospital Volunteer

2. Why would you encourage someone else to be a volunteer?

"It is a source of joy. It's a way to connect with another human being."

-B.S. River House Shelter Volunteer

"It's good for you and the community."

-Virginia Corwin, Mercy Hospital Volunteer

"It is just the right thing to do. People are in need and there are people who can help."

-C.N. River House Shelter Volunteer

"Being a senior, it gets you out and about. It makes you appreciate your own health."

-Howard King, Mercy Amicare Volunteer

"The rewards are beyond any expectations."

-Sylvia Tresdaway, Mercy Amicare Volunteer

"It helps the community and the hospital, and it's for their well-being."

-Mary Bonkowski, Mercy Hospital Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer please call:

Mercy Hospital: Donna Pflum at 517-348-0382

Amicare Homecare & Hospice: Sherry Haag at 517-348-4383

River House Shelter: Sr. Maria Klocowski at 517-348-2169

Crawford tops list for eagle sightings

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), more Bald Eagles have been sighted in Crawford County than any other area in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. In all of lower Michigan, about 300 pairs have been identified in occupied territories.

The 1999 midwinter Bald Eagle survey observed 46 eagles in Crawford County - 38 adults and eight immature birds. Roscommon County was in second position with 37 eagles. The total for the Lower Peninsula was 473 eagles.

The most recent data on nesting Bald Eagles shows four pairs in Crawford County, ten in Roscommon County, seven in Oscoda County, five in Otsego County, and three in Kalkaska County. The eagles appear to have spread themselves throughout the Northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula.

A total of 235 Bald Eagles were sighted in the Upper Peninsula during the 1999 survey. Mackinac County had the highest count, with 55 birds sighted.

"Bald Eagles are already on their nests and breeding this time of year," says Jerry Weinrich of the DNR. They lay two to three eggs in March or April. About 35 days of incubation are required before the eggs hatch in May. By July, the eaglets are usually grown and have started flying.

Eagles are among the earliest birds to start nesting in Michigan, often arriving at nest areas by February. Eagles also construct the largest nest of any bird in Michigan. New sticks and branches are added each season, as the breeding pair will often return to the same nest site.

Large White Pines are the preferred nesting tree in Michigan. The eagle nest, called an "aerie," can be more than eight to ten feet in diameter. These giant retreats are usually built near a lake or river, containing abundant fish populations.

Bald Eagles, known as birds of prey, are carnivores. Although fish is their preferred food, they are not specialist feeders and will often feed on road-killed deer and other wildlife. Such carrion can make up



American Bald Eagle

most of their winter diets, when lakes and streams are frozen for the season.

Most of the eagles' live prey is weak or injured. They exhibit opportunistic feeding behavior, and will often steal food from other animals or eagles.

Mating pairs can be quite territorial. Historical records exist for about 400 territories. When eagles are dependent on a particular food source, they will not tolerate another pair within about a four-mile radius. They will, however, tolerate other eagles at closer proximities when food is most abundant.

Adult eagles, both male and female, have the same plumage. They obtain their characteristic white head and tail at about five to six years of age. Mature eagles have dark brown bodies, with yellow beaks and talons. They can weigh up to 12 pounds and have a wing span of about seven and one-half feet.

Much has been written about Bald Eagles mating for life, but according to the DNR, they may or may not. If one of the pair dies, the other may take a new mate.

Bald Eagles require relative solitude from human disturbance. This is evident by the seclusion of nesting areas in large trees in rural areas. The DNR, while counting nest sights, will not divulge the location of mating pairs to the public. This is done to help maintain privacy and enhance the maternal instinct.

No longer on the endangered list, Bald Eagles are now considered "threatened" in Michigan under both the State and Federal Endangered Species Act. Michigan has had the longest continuous survey and banding program for Bald Eagles in North America. The surveys began in the 1960s.

Eagle nests are monitored by aerial surveys to determine their productivity. The birds are also becoming accepted as an indicator of the overall ecosystem health in Michigan.

Although inland food chains showed less contamination from PCBs and DDE, eagles nesting in the Great Lakes area show considerably higher levels of the pollutants in their systems. Such a study shows the need to continue efforts to reduce pollutants in the Great Lakes.

The Bald Eagle remains the national symbol of the United States of America. Once severely endangered to near extinction by pollutants, today its numbers are definitely on the rise.

Scout food drive goes into phase two on Saturday

The Scouts from Cub Pack 3993 and Troop 979 passed out bright yellow bags on Saturday, April 17 for the annual Scouting for Food project.


The bags should be filled with non-perishable food items and returned to the outside of your door by 9 a.m., Saturday, April 24. The bags should be visible from the road, so that the scouts may gather them more efficiently.

Please call Jim Pickell regarding all bags which are not picked up by 1 p.m.

If you did not get a bag, you may call Loren Goodale at 348-8682 or Jim Pickell at 348-2870 to receive one.


If you are outside of the bag distribution area, you may drop off your donations before Saturday, April 24 at Goodale's Bakery, or you may take them to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center on Saturday, April 24 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. You may call the Help center at 348-6046.

For more information regarding this or other Boy Scout projects (boys over 11 years old) call Loren Goodale. For Cub Scouts (first through fifth grades) call Jim Pickell at the phone numbers listed above.



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SHARE helps volunteers save on food bill

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

SHARE Michigan, a non-profit organization, is a great way to save money by volunteering your service. SHARE is a community involvement program that offers a monthly supplemental food package and benefits to those wishing to help themselves and others.

Monthly SHARE food packages reflect a 30-50% savings over retail grocery store prices. The packages generally include 5-9 lbs. of meat, poultry and/or fish and 6-8 fresh fruits and vegetables. The balance of the package includes various items, such as pasta and soup.

Participants also receive the SHARE newspaper, which includes

various helpful recipes. The paper explains many things about SHARE and current events surrounding the organization.

Volunteers can do almost any kind of work to qualify for SHARE benefits, as long as they are not compensated for their duties.

Program participants can contribute their hours to hospitals, scouting groups, libraries, schools, churches and other community organizations. The overall purpose of SHARE is to "build community spirit," said Hall.

The organization currently requires individuals to put in two hours of volunteer service and contribute \$15 toward a food SHARE package.



There are no other eligibility requirements or limits on the number of packages individuals or families can order. To receive SHARE benefits, volunteers sign-up for the program on a designated day. Participants are required to fill out a form and can take up to two weeks to record their service.

Food orders are placed at the Lansing SHARE headquarters, and a large truck makes the deliveries on a designated day. Individuals, in this way, receive extra food for their dollar. "SHARE passes the savings on," said Delores Hall, spokes-

woman for SHARE.

SHARE, in partnership with World SHARE, the international SHARE headquarters, has begun exploring other ways it can provide value to participants.

SHARE now has a pharmacy program, where participants are offered up to 70% savings on prescription drugs, discounted vitamins, food supplements, and over-the-counter medicines.

The next SHARE pick-up will be April 23, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.

Volunteers can also sign-up on that date, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, and on May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging on Lawndale in Grayling.

Pick-up next month will be on May 21 at the Latter Day Saints Church.

For more information, call Lisa Parsons, toll-free, at 1-888-742-7372.

Award-winning authors to visit AuSable Primary

Interlochen Arts Academy writers Jack Driscoll and Mike Delp will read from their work on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of AuSable Primary School.

Jack Driscoll, the author of four books of poems, a collection of short stories and three novels, is currently writer-in-residence at Interlochen Center for the Arts, located 13 miles southwest of Traverse City.

His recent novel, *Lucky Man, Lucky Woman*, received both the 1998 Pushcart Book Editors' Award and the Barnes & Noble Discover Award.

Driscoll is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including the NEA creative writing fellowship, the NEH independent study grant, Best American Short Story citations, the PEN/Nelson Algren fiction award, the Associated Writing Programs short fiction award and seven PEN Syndicated Project short fiction awards.

His stories have been read frequently on National Public Radio's *The Sound of Writing* and his work has appeared in magazines, journals and newspapers, including *The Chicago Tribune*, *Kansas City Star*, *Civilization*, *Poetry*, *The Georgia Review*, *The Southern Review* and *Ploughshares*.

Mike Delp is the author of three books of poetry, the most recent of which is *The Coast of Nowhere: Meditations on Rivers, Lakes and Streams*.

His work has won numerous awards, including a Michigan creative artist grant and two NEA/Passages North poetry prizes. He was the co-editor of two collections of *The Third Coast*, anthologies of contemporary Michigan poetry.

Delp taught at Grayling High School for 13 years before moving to Interlochen in 1984 to direct the academy's creative writing program.

Vehicle stolen with dog inside

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Max the dog went for a ride in a vehicle stolen from his owner in Minnesota. Then, the thief drove to Clare County where he stole a truck from Max's master's mom.

At 2:30 a.m. April 18, animal shelter director Dixie Lobsinger received a call from the Michigan

State Police stating that Max would need lodging, as the thief was apprehended near Hartwick Pines Road.

David and Jean Sewell, owners of the stolen truck arrived later that morning to claim their vehicle and take Max to their house until he can arrange a trip back to Minnesota.

The thief is reported as a troubled friend of the family.



GOIN' TO GRANDMA'S - After riding in two stolen vehicles, Max the dog heads to David and Jean Sewell's home in Clare County before going back home to Minnesota.

Low-cost pet vaccination clinic scheduled at Hawk Hill Farm

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In order to help pet owners of little means, a low-cost pet vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 at Hawk Hill Farm in Beaver Creek Township.

Rabies vaccinations will be available as follows: cats - \$2, dogs - \$8, and ferrets - \$4. Bring proof of previous rabies vaccination to have your pet receive a three-year booster, otherwise a one-year vaccination will be administered.

The DHL Parvo vaccine for dogs will be given for \$10. Heartworm

testing will be \$10 and preventative medication will be available at very low cost, depending on the weight of the animal.

Feline combo vaccination is \$3 and \$7 with leukemia vaccine. Leukemia testing will be available for \$10, and the cost of both testing and administration of the vaccine will be \$16.

Appointments for the clinic, especially for testing, can be made by calling 348-2201.

Hawk Hill Farm is located at 6886 Olson Lane - south of Four Mile Road and west of Military Road.

Clarification

In the April 15 edition of *The Avalanche*, under the headline "County Board reluctantly approves court pay raises," it was stated that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved pay raises for court employees on April 12 at the Ways and Means Committee meeting. On that date, the Board recommended that the raise issue be sent before the full Board. On April 14, the full Board approved the raises at their regular meeting. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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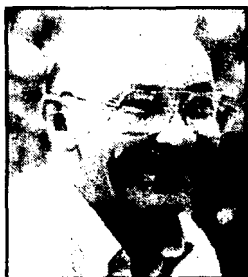
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Quayle off on rocky campaign trail

DAN QUAYLE is off and running for the Republican nomination for president in 2000. His route to the White House is strewn with obstacles.

It's not that Mr. Quayle lacks experience. He has been a House member, senator and vice president.

But, as a story for Gannett News Service put it recently, Mr. Quayle's "most formidable opponent may be himself," meaning his perception by much of the public as a "political joke."

That's really an unfair assessment, and does not do justice to the former Indiana senator, who now lives in Arizona.

When Dan Quayle was in the Congress, he generally was considered one of the brighter lights in the lawmaking business, concerned about the right problems and effective in forging solutions.

He worked closely with Sen. Ted Kennedy on several programs. According to reports at the time, Mr. Quayle and Mr. Kennedy got along fine, and shared mutual respect, which in later days seems quite a stretch.

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IN THE MINDS of many of his latter day detractors, apparently Mr. Quayle somehow went brain dead when he became Vice President under President George Bush.

Michigan's own Gerald Ford earlier had suffered much the same transformation. When Mr. Ford was in Congress, he was widely admired as an intelligent, effective, well informed, well respected leader in the Washington establishment.

For example, Mr. Ford was

appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to the Warren Commission investigating the murder of President John Kennedy, primarily to encourage public confidence in the commission and its findings in those days of national uncertainty.

His appointment to succeed the disgraced Spiro Agnew as vice president was widely praised. But when he became president, Jerry Ford was savaged as a dense, awkward, stumbling throwback to the cave man days.

It wasn't true about Mr. Ford, and it isn't true about Mr. Quayle either.

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WHILE PUBLIC perception may be a big problem for Mr. Quayle in a general election race against Vice President Al Gore, he faces at least seven million and one other much more significant challenges to win the nomination in the first place.

One is Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The other seven million are the number of dollars Gov. Bush has raised so far in his exploration of candidacy -- and without holding a single fund raiser. That is huge support.

The nomination will be decided by dedicated Republicans who realize that Mr. Quayle really knows how to spell potato, so they aren't particularly bothered by accusations of ineptitude.

These Republicans also want to win, and at this point more of them think Mr. Bush can pull it off.

In recently reported polls, for example, Gov. Bush leads Mr. Quayle in both his home states -- Indiana and Arizona -- by quite

comfortable margins.

In addition, the Bush campaign has pledges of support from scads of top Republicans, leaving slimmer pickings for the Quayle machine.

Michigan's Gov. John Engler and Sen. Spencer Abraham usually march in political lock step, but in this one Gov. Engler is a Bush backer, and Sen. Abraham -- who once worked on Mr. Quayle's vice presidential staff -- is in the Quayle camp.

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OTHER PROBLEMS confront the Quayle quest -- Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, media gadfly Pat Buchanan, publisher Steven Forbes, budget master Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire, cabinet

veteran Elizabeth Dole, religious righter Gary Bauer, and who knows who else, all of whom also want to be president.

Each will draw attention and some potential Quayle support among Republicans.

Of course, nothing is settled yet. That's why they hold primaries and caucuses.

It doesn't look easy for former Vice President Dan Quayle, despite all his background, experience and contacts.

But if Gov. Bush should somehow falter along the way, then Dan Quayle may end up high on the list of second choices.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Slow down for the sake of the kids

To the editor,

When my husband and I were looking for property to build our house six years ago we wanted to live in a neighborhood with nice people and lots of kids. We now have two boys and love our neighborhood with the exception of one thing, people drive too fast.

When you enter any subdivision there are always children and teenagers outside playing, walking or riding bikes, especially in the spring and summer. There is a reason for posted speed limits.

They are not there to upset you because you think they are too low, they are there to help protect the people that live in that area.

When we raise our children, we teach them to pay attention to what is going on around them and to stay away from the road. When you drive too fast, you take the chance of not only hurting yourself, but others as well - maybe even a child.

School is almost out and the weather is finally nice. The children are out playing, walking and riding bikes. PLEASE slow down when you are driving in any subdivision. You would not want to accidentally hit a child because you were driving too fast, would you?

Dusty Latusek
Grayling

Medicine comes before school improvement

To the editor,

I was surprised to read Carol Ramaswamy's remarks about the increase in school taxes. She said the increase would be \$52.50 annually and wondered how many packs of cigarettes could be bought for \$50.00. It sounds like she would like to dictate how a person spends their money.

I don't smoke, but if someone wants to buy cigarettes instead of paying for extra school taxes for things that are not necessary, then I think that is their business.

My prescription medicine costs over \$100 a month. I wonder if

Mrs. Ramaswamy thinks I should give up some of my medicine so that I can pay for extra taxes.

I am very grateful for my small Social Security check, but it sure does not compare to her household income. When it comes to a choice between paying for increased school tax and buying my medicine, I guess you can say I am selfish, but I am buying my medicine.

I believe in giving the kids a good education, but they do not need a new gym for that.

Martha Bancroft
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

by Jerry Morford, Grayling City Manager

Talking Trash: City waste disposal guidelines

I will be discussing the following components of the City Refuse Collection Program: 1) regular city refuse pick-up; 2) bulk items; 3) recycling; 4) yard waste collection guidelines; 5) brush collection.

REGULAR PICK-UP: The regular trash pick-up rules are as follows: Trash must be at curb side by 7 a.m. Wednesday morning, must be in containers that can be handled by one person, and must not contain any hazardous materials.

BULK ITEMS: Handling of bulk items will be as follows: We will not have any special spring or fall clean-up days on resident routes. Each household will be allowed one bulk item per week to be picked up on the Wednesday regular trash day.

Items must be bundled or contained so that they can be easily handled. Examples of bulk items included in pick-up are appliances, furniture, hot water heaters and tires.

We cannot accept refrigerators, freezers, de-humidifiers or air conditioners unless they have been tagged as being freon free by a certified licensed company. You may call the City Office at 348-2131 for information on licensed contractors.

Items that can not be picked up as bulk items include yard waste, acids, concrete, household chemicals, batteries, fuel tanks, antifreeze, motor oil or hazardous materials.

For information on how to dispose of hazardous materials properly please contact Waste Management at 1-800-323-9626.

RECYCLING: Recyclable services are provided as part of the regular city residential collection process. Recyclables must be kept separate from regular trash and placed at curb side no later than 7 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Please contact the City of Grayling or Waste Management concerning types of materials acceptable.

YARD WASTE: The final component of the city resident waste pick-up program involves yard waste collection. The City of Grayling operates a curb side yard waste collection system every other Tuesday until October 19. (Tuesday, May 4 will be the next yard waste collection date.)

Yard waste collection guidelines are as follows: All yard waste must be at curbside by 7 a.m. on the day of pick-up. Drivers will not wait for waste to be brought to the curb side. Yard waste must be contained in biodegradable bags, or rigid, reusable containers that are free of any trash.

Ordinary plastic bags and cardboard boxes are not acceptable and will not be picked up.

Biodegradable bags can be purchased at the City Office for 45 cents, or at McClean's Ace Hardware. Any biodegradable paper bag is acceptable.

Containers (bags or rigid) must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Yard waste containing other debris will not be accepted. Broken bags or spillage prior to handling by Waste Management is the responsibility of the owner. Drivers may leave such amounts undisturbed by the curb side.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery or brush or tree trimmings, not exceeding one inch in diameter, four feet in length, or 50 pounds per bag or container.

Yard waste does not include diseased or infested clippings, dead animals or offal, landscaping material, dirt, sod, tree branches or trimmings exceeding one inch in diameter, tree trunks, or stumps.

BRUSH COLLECTION: The final component of waste removal in the City is the brush collection system. This service is provided by regular city employees and is not part of any contracted service.

The brush service is provided to assist City residents in taking care of larger tree limbs, which can not be handled under the City's yard

waste collection. The City uses a brush chipper and provides this service on an intermittent basis as needed throughout the year.

The work is used as fill-in work and will be accomplished as quickly as possible when the material is properly placed between the curb and the sidewalk in such a manner that it can be reasonably accessed for chipping.

Materials should be cut small enough for one man to handle and should be stacked at the curb in neat piles with the butt ends facing the curb, if at all possible.

If you have a large amount of brush to dispose of and wish to plan ahead for this service please call the City Office for further information. We will attempt to schedule a convenient time to get the job done.

I realize that I have gone through a lot of garbage to get this column out, but felt it was necessary to go over the entire program at this time since several changes have been made to pick-up schedules recently, and so that new residents and others who may be unfamiliar with the system may be more aware of the services provided.

Any problem with or questions about refuse collection within the City of Grayling may be directed to the Grayling City Office at 348-2131 or Waste Management at 1-800-323-9626.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

by U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham

Protecting our nursing home residents

A nursing home in Tampa, Florida attempts to evict 52 residents under the guise of emptying its facility for remodeling. Another nursing home, this one in Indianapolis, unceremoniously tells nearly 60 of its 150 residents - including senior citizens in their 80s and 90s - that they have to find new places to live. What do these senior citizens have in common, other than being forced out of their homes? They rely on Medicaid to pay part of their nursing home bills.

Sixty-eight percent of all nursing home residents rely on Medicaid for at least part of their stay. That includes senior citizens with no savings and nowhere to turn for nursing

home care; it also includes middle class residents who "spend down" their savings until they are eligible for Medicaid. The typical nursing home resident can go through \$100,000 in retirement savings within two to three years.

Some nursing homes no longer want Medicaid recipients' business. And some of these nursing homes are resorting to unacceptable practices - like summarily evicting all Medicaid recipients with little or no warning - to get rid of them.

These kinds of evictions can cause great harm. A University of Southern California study recently found that the death rate among nursing home patients who are

transferred or evicted is two to three times higher than for residents continuing in the same nursing home. Stress from moving and from facing a new environment, loneliness and feelings of abandonment - all take their toll on senior citizens who are already frail and in less than robust health.

We owe our senior citizens better than this. I have joined with a number of my Senate colleagues to sponsor the Nursing Home Residential Security Act of 1999. This legislation would protect nursing home residents who rely on Medicaid from eviction.

Specifically, the Nursing Home Residential Security Act prohibits nursing homes that accept any Medicaid reimbursement from transferring or evicting resident based on the fact that they are Medicaid beneficiaries. The bill also protects residents who spend down to Medicaid, along with residents of nursing homes which with-

draw from the Medicaid program.

Nursing homes which do not accept Medicaid reimbursement would have to notify all their residents that, should they go onto Medicaid, they might be evicted. I believe this kind of warning is the least nursing homes can provide their residents. It will empower middle income seniors, worried that they may end up spending down to Medicare, to decide for themselves whether they want to stay in a nursing home that might evict them, or move into a different nursing home altogether.

This is America. The government cannot force nursing homes to take in residents against their will. But we can and should prevent them from throwing seniors out into the street simply because they receive Medicaid assistance. The way we treat our seniors reflects and influences our character as a people. We must protect our seniors, both for them and for ourselves.

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BRIEFS

Quilt In includes auction for Habitat

The AuSable Quilt Guild will be holding a *Quilt In* on Saturday April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street. Volunteer stitchers are invited to bring a project and a lunch to the event. There will be door prizes and a silent auction of 15-20 quilted wall hangings depicting various habitats and the guild will provide coffee, tea and homemade breakfast treats. Those wishing to make a bid on one or more of the quilts should stop by that day. Proceeds will go to the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. For more information, call Janet Gildner at 348-4320 or Barb Porter, at the Icehouse Quilt Shop, at 348-4821.

RSVP sponsors appreciation breakfast

The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) will recognize the generosity of local business people and civic organizations at their 1st Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, April 22 at the COA Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling. Everyone is invited to attend this continental breakfast, served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., followed by an informative discussion on senior programs.

Homeschooling seminar scheduled

The *Homeschooling for Life Seminar*, presented by Wisdom's Gate and the C.H.E.E.R. Homeschool Support Group, is geared for experienced homeschoolers. The seminar will be held on May 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church on M-32, two miles east of downtown Gaylord. Families are encouraged to attend together. No nursery or child care will be provided. Admission is free, but pre-registration is necessary. Call Wisdom's Gate at 1-800-343-1943 to register. For more information on the support group, call Kathryn Kost at (517) 732-3698.

Eagles Auxiliary hosts fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry on Wednesday, April 28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinners are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids - kids five and under are free. Carry-outs will be available. Place your order by calling 348-5287.

NHS to hold annual spaghetti dinner

The Grayling High School chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) will be holding their 10th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, to benefit Hospice of Michigan patients and their families in the Grayling area, on Thursday, April 29 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinners are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under ten. Take-outs will be available. For more information, please call Hospice of Michigan at 1-800-449-5560 or (517) 275-8967.

R.L.D.S. Church to host pancake supper

The R.L.D.S. Church will be hosting a Pancake & Sausage Supper on Saturday, April 24 at the church located at the corner of North Down River and Glenn Roads (next to the I-75 overpass). Suggested donation for the supper is \$3.50 per person. Children five years and under are free. Everyone is invited to the supper.

Men's Softball to hold meeting

The Men's Softball League will host an organizational meeting at Hanson Hills on Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Players and team captains are encouraged to attend.

Women invited to Y2K discussion

The 2nd Annual Church Women United Fellowship Day will be held at the Grayling Free Methodist Church on Saturday, April 24. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. and a program entitled, *Y2K: Back to the Basics with the Voice of Calm*, focusing on women's roles in networking and support related to the new millennium. The program is expected to last until around 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided for children age three and under. Tickets are a \$2.50 donation and can be purchased through area churches and from the Grayling Free Methodist Church at 348-9093.

Pond building workshop offered in Roscommon

The Crawford County MSU-Extension office is offering a Team Huron Pond and Wetland Workshop, Saturday, May 8 at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will cover these topics:

- Pond types, purpose, design and construction;

- Laws and regulations;
- Sources of cost sharing;
- Pond safety;
- Pond maintenance; and
- On-site tour of a pond.

Cost of the program is \$12 per person and \$10 for additional family members. Registration deadline is April 23, 1999.

Contact the Crawford County MSU-E office at (517) 344-3264 or The Crawford Roscommon Conservation District at (517) 275-5231 for a registration form.

Poetry contest open to all

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, open to everyone.

A total of \$25,000 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year. "Even if you have never entered a competition before," said Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is an opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem, it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome."

To enter, send one original poem on any subject, using any style, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., Suite 4, Ashland, OR 97520. Or enter online at:

www.freecontest.com

Be sure your poem is 21 lines or less, and your name and address appear on the page with your poem.

The deadline for entering is May 3, 1999. All entrants will be professionally affirmed.

For more information, contact Michael Thomas at: mike@mighty.net

Sheriff's office seeks scholarship nominees

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely announced that the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is calling for nominations for 1999 Bernard Gysen Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship funds.

The scholarship program is sponsored by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association Educational Services, Inc.

Now in its seventh year, the scholarship program has awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors around the state.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Michigan high school seniors pursuing a career in criminal justice. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the MSA's five state districts.

Nominations for scholarships must be made by a member of the MSA however, the nominee does not have to be a member.

Individuals who wish to make a nomination can obtain the form from the March 1999 issue of the Sheriffs' Star, the MSA professional journal received by members, or from the Sheriff's office.

Nomination forms must be turned in to Sheriff Lovely's office no later than Friday, April 30, 1999.

For more information, please call the Sheriff's office at 348-4616.

Rise in Gypsy Moth population anticipated in Crawford County

If present indications hold true, and if the spring is at all favorable, it is possible that residents of Crawford County could see an increase in the number of Gypsy Moth caterpillars by late June.

Egg masses observed last fall in various parts of the county were very healthy and of increased size, indicating a building population, stated Howard Taylor, a long-time fighter in the war on Gypsy Moth infestation and devastation.

"This will not be a widespread devastation such as that experienced in the early 90's, but the number of Gypsy Moth will increase in some areas of the county," Taylor said. "Some areas may even see moderate to severe defoliation by mid-July."

Michelson Memorial choir concert will 'really rock'

According to Pastor Jeffrey Jagers, the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church choirs really rock.

And, the choirs will try very hard to live up to that image on Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church, when they perform an upbeat mix of sacred and secular music, including gospel, country, rock, jazz, and classical.

Under the direction of choir director Howard Taylor, local classic rock musicians from the Overdrive Band - Jeff Andrews on guitar, James Cox on drums, and Tom Demoinen on bass - will spice up the majority of the songs, along with church organist/pianist Jill Flintoft and pianist Anemari Stancil.

The Chancel Choir, Michelson

Singers, Children's Choir and various soloists will present the mostly choral program.

Also featured will be a piano/drum jazz rendition of the *Wayfaring Stranger*.

Michelson Church has a strong tradition of supporting quality music in their worship services.

This concert is one in a series of efforts to share their love of music with the community, each concert with a different theme or style.



Gaylord Cinema West

Never Been Kissed - PG-13 (107)

Starring - Drew Barrymore & David Arquette
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• Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

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• 7 & 9:20 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:20

Ten Things I Hate About You - PG-13 (97)

Starring - Julia Stiles & Heath Ledger
• 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

Life - R (116)

Starring - Eddie Murphy & Martin Lawrence
• 7 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15

Go - R (109)

Starring - Christina Ricci & Taye Diggs
• 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

Lost and Found - PG-13 (100)

Starring - David Spade
• 7 & 9 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

Gaylord Cinema Downtown

Baby Geniuses - PG (94)

Starring - Kathleen Turner
• Fri. 7 & 9 • Sat. 2, 4, 7 & 9
• Sun. 2, 4 & 7 • Mon.-Thurs. 7 nightly

Forces of Nature - PG-13 (109)

Starring - Ben Affleck & Sandra Bullock
• Fri. 7 & 9 • Sat. 2, 4, 7 & 9
• Sun. 2, 4 & 7 • Mon.-Thurs. 7 nightly

Doug's First Movie - G (79)

Voices - Thomas McHugh & Becca Fisk
Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

The Out-Of-Towners - PG-13 (93)

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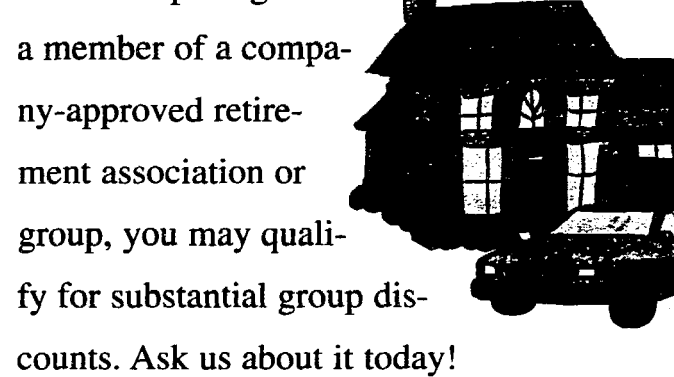
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THURS 22	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am - 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •SINGLES, at Freds in Roscommon, 6:00 p.m.
FRI 23	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 24	•QUILT IN - at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, a silent auction and the guild will provide coffee, tea and homemade breakfast treats. For more info. call Janet Gildner at 348-4320 or Barb Porter at the Icehouse Quilt Shop at 348-4821.
SUN 25	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 26	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 27	•GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 28	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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The Bible Speaks

War!

As always, we continue to pray for and support our military personnel as they put their lives in jeopardy to maintain our national security and international commitments. Some of you remember when we first defended our troops in this column during the unpopular Vietnam war. Our consistency in defense of our soldiers was then publicly questioned as unreasonable by letters to the editor. Perhaps this is a good time to study the basis for continued consistency in contrast to becoming national rebels.

Nearly a third of a century ago, we wrote our first column in defense of our military personnel. Liberal preachers, politicians, and professionals in different fields were encouraging young people to burn their draft cards, flee to Canada, picket munitions plants, and march in the streets to protest the war in Vietnam. They declared the war against international communism in Vietnam to be unjust. Today, most of those same rebel protesters are leading or supporting the war efforts in Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo. (Yet, Kosovo is so small it is not even listed in the dictionary of my latest Word for Windows word processor.)

Yes, we know about and hate the Serb atrocities and the ethnic cleansing of the Albanians, ordered by Yugoslav

President Slobodan Milosevic. But why have our leaders in the past ignored dozens of worse human rights atrocities conducted in Russia, China, Cambodia, Rwanda, Ireland, and dozens of other places? Any why are we now arbitrarily involved in this particular civil war in a little European country? Milosevic is a nationalistic dictator with a communist past in a country formerly controlled by the Soviet Union.

We hear it said we are involved in Bosnia, Serbia, and Kosovo to support NATO. Just as we helped rebuild Europe with the Marshall Plan after World War II, we are fighting to build up and maintain a strong future Europe. The international military intervention in the internal civil war of Serbia in the name of human rights sets a precedent which will soon become a practice in the coming millennium. Europe is identified in Bible Prophecy as part of the territory of the revived Roman Empire which will control the world under the antichrist of the last days. Then, we are helping build up the next world government which will persecute our own children at some point in the coming millennium. We are fighting in the name of peace. This action identifies the military strategy which the future antichrist will use to bring in a one world government.

(Daniel 8:25) "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

Why do we then support the present military action? American soldiers are fighting for their country. The place to change our foreign policy is at the ballot box, not by undermining the morale of our soldiers on the battlefield. They need all our prayers and support. God always gives us the government we deserve. (Romans 13:1) "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." National morality affects our life and death!

Pastor "B"
Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Grayling Baptist breaks ground at new site



NEW BEGINNINGS – Pastor Terry Colby, reverend of the Grayling Baptist Church, looks on with Bible in hand, as Mrs. Charles Gierke begins the official groundbreaking on Sunday, April 18, at the new church site on Madsen Street. Gierke donated the parcel of

land to the church last year when it was announced that a site was needed. Currently, church services are held in the Fred Bear Building at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

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Truly, the Lord is our Shepherd, for He knows we are not aware of the pitfalls and the rocky paths that we may blindly wander onto each day. We need only have the faith of the lowly sheep and God will give us peace of mind.

Become one of God's fold as you worship with His flock at your local church or synagogue. He will "watch over" you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans 15:1-13	Colossians 1:1-23	Colossians 1:24-25	Colossians 2:6-23	Colossians 3:1-17	Isaiah 25:1-12	Isaiah 35:1-10

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Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May..... 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry..... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship..... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service..... 9:30 am
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
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Sacrament..... 10 am
Sunday School..... 11 am
Primary..... 11 am
Priesthood..... 12 noon
Relief Society..... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
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Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School..... 9:30 am

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Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
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Evening Service..... 6 pm
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Sunday Worship..... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
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Wagon Wheel puts up new sign



Photo by Cheryl Raley

SPRING FIX-UP TIME — Many area businesses are fixing up and sprucing up their surroundings. Outside the Wagon Wheel Cleaning Center on the South I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, a new sign is guided into its frame by Monte Malonen, while Murray Bindschatel, owner of Murray's Signs, operates the crane.

Single business tax an obstacle to job creation

By more than a two-to-one margin, Michigan small-business owners belonging to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), rank the state's single business tax as the least popular tax they have to pay.

In February, NFIB/Michigan conducted a special ballot of its members, asking a question — "If you could cut one state tax right now, which would you cut?"

Eliminating the single business tax drew 40 percent of the small-business owners' responses, more than twice the 19 percent who favored cutting the state income tax. Other responses included cuts in the personal property tax (16 percent), real property tax (12 percent), workers compensation (10 percent) and unemployment insurance tax (1 percent).

NFIB members see the single business tax as an obstacle to job creation, since it is based on a business's payroll.

"This forces businesses to pay an SBT liability, even if the company made no profit or lost money," said Charles Owens, state director of the 23,000-member Michigan chapter. "The Michigan SBT is the only tax of its kind in the United States. No other state has such a business-unfriendly tax."

Reform legislation, H.B. 4175, is currently in front of the House Tax Policy Committee. It would lighten the SBT burden on all businesses by removing health care costs from the payroll portion of the SBT tax base.

"In effect, Michigan penalizes employers for providing employee health benefits," Owens said. "This makes no sense when we're trying to make health care more affordable."

Over the past two legislative sessions, significant changes have been made to the SBT, including lowering the tax rate from 2.35 percent to 2.30 percent, and removing workers' compensation, FICA and unemployment taxes from the payroll base.

"Ultimately, we need to do away with the SBT entirely," Owens said.

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It's National Drive Safely at Work Week

What is the biggest risk facing employees today? It isn't alcohol, drugs, heart disease, or stress -- it's traffic crashes. Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of workplace death and injury.

By supporting National Drive Safely at Work Week, April 19-23, AAA Michigan hopes to make driving safely a major employee concern -- and save lives and dollars. In addition to the personal tragedy to employers, employees and their families, each crash costs the employer an average of \$9,716! This campaign for the workplace aims to eliminate these largely preventable crashes by encouraging employers to emphasize the importance of driving cautiously.

This marks the third year of this effort, sponsored by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS). AAA is part of this alliance of America's corporate, community and government leaders dedicated to reducing traffic deaths and injuries among the nation's workforce.

Consider: If every driver followed some basic rules for just one week, as many as 800 lives and \$3 billion could be saved.

Imagine the innumerable human and financial savings if all companies mobilized to encourage their employees to drive safely!

That's the goal of National Drive Safely at Work Week, which highlights five major traffic safety issues for each day of the week. The different themes include:

• **Stop and Buckle Up!**

In 1997, occupants in Michigan vehicle crashes were 25 times more likely to be killed if they were not wearing their lap and shoulder safety belts. Using these vehicle restraints reduces the chance of injury by 45 percent and saves nearly 10,000 lives nationally each year.

• **Drunk Driving is a Dead End.**

Fatal crashes in Michigan topped 1,280 in 1997. A significant number of these crashes -- 481 or 37.5 percent -- were alcohol-related. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes in Michigan is \$2.75 billion.

• **Road Rage is the Wrong Way.**

Aggressive driving can lead to road rage. Drive courteously, defensively, and keep your distance from those who don't. A new study reveals that cities with exploding growth in the suburbs had higher aggressive-driving rates.

• **Team with Trucks -- Share the Road Safely.**

Coexist safely with trucks and other large vehicles while on the road. Statistics confirm that auto occupants are 35 times more likely to be killed

than the driver of a heavy truck when their vehicles collide. To share the road safely, cars and trucks should be aware of the blindspots and limitations in all vehicles -- and drive accordingly.

• **There are "DIPs" (Distressed, Inattentive Persons) on the Road!**

Driver inattention is a contributing factor in as many as 90 percent of traffic crashes. Driver fatigue ranks as the most frequent cause of crashes resulting from inattention.

"The National Drive Safely at Work Week is a great time for all of us to review key traffic safety issues," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "It also provides an opportunity to show fellow employees the workplace cares about their safety, well-being and protection."

AAA Michigan urges all companies to actively participate in the campaign by contacting NETS for a tool kit of the latest traffic safety facts and other material necessary to launch a successful traffic safety campaign. Call the NETS National office at 1-888-221-0045 to order the information, or contact NETS online at www.trafficsafety.org.

"The proverb 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' has never been more accurate than in describing the benefits of employees practicing sound traffic safety principles," says Basch. "Every 14 seconds someone in the U.S. is injured in a traffic crash, and every 12 minutes someone is killed."

Add to these tragic figures the cost of medical care and workers' compensation, property damage, replacement transportation, lost productivity, replacement labor and third party losses, and we can conclude that motor vehicle crashes are so damaging to employees and companies that we should prevent them at all costs. Basch says.

Community Cholesterol Screening

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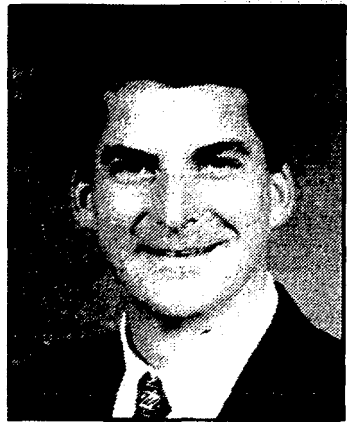
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Wear a green ribbon during Sexual Assault Awareness Month

"April has been declared as a month for somber reflection, joyous revelry, and concerted action," said Mary Keefe of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

"One out of three women will be raped in her lifetime, probably by someone she knows," stated Sexual Assault Program Coordinator Lori Wybraniec in a press release.

To further show support for survivors of sexual assault, River House Shelter is sponsoring a green ribbon campaign. Green ribbons will be available at your local libraries, high schools, or by contacting River

Chamber offers nature-based tourism seminar

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center is inviting local business people to attend the Nature-Based Tourism Conference sponsored by Michigan State University on May 21 at Kirtland Community College (KCC) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nature-based Tourism is travel to natural areas that increases understanding of the environment, promotes sustainability of natural resources, and by doing so, improves the quality of life of the local people.

Some examples of Nature-Based Tourism are bird watching, canoeing, fall color touring, hiking in the woods, fishing, hunting, bicycling and outdoor photography.

Topics of the conference will include: Why Develop Nature-Based Tourism, How to Inventory Area Attractions, Who Are the Customers, Marketing Strategies, Michigan Success Stories, and Interpretation Techniques.

Two presenters will be featured.

Tom Potts is Extension Tourism Specialist from Clemson University who has conducted extensive research on nature-based travelers and is the author of the workbook to be used at the conference. Gail Vander Stoep is Extension Specialist at Michigan State University who is well-known throughout the state for her work in environmental and social interpretation of recreational resources.

Business operators who cater to nature-based tourists, as well as employees of visitors bureaus and Chambers of Commerce, interested in marketing their community's attractions, and managers of natural resource attractions should attend this conference.

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The conference starts at the Grayling Holiday Inn where attendees will board a bus to tour some of the area's Jack Pine ecosystem en route to KCC. Bus service back to Grayling will immediately follow the conclusion of the conference.

Registration for the conference is \$25 per person and includes workbook, lunch, bus tour and other conference materials.

Registration forms are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center during normal business hours.

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In Memory Fred Bear March 5, 1902 - April 27, 1988

Fred's friend and employee for 59 years, Frank Scott, gave the following eulogy at the Memorial Service in May 1988.

I have the honor of sharing some feelings and experiences about this very special man that we lovingly remember in our hearts today. Fred Bear. It has often been said that each of us mean different things to different people and we will be remembered for different reasons by different people.

*To some, Fred will be remembered as a self made man, an industrialist who starting with little more than a dream, strong desire and determination created a company that provided employment for hundreds and recreation and enjoyment for millions. In the process of creating Bear Archery he unselfishly shared his experience, knowledge and encouraged other members of our infant archery industry, he did this with the knowledge and confidence that everyone could benefit.

*To others Mr. Bear will be remembered as an inventor. Inventions that changed an industry and again he willingly shared with others for the benefit of all.

*He will be remembered as a conservationist and ecologist who was concerned about our natural resources and environment long before it was a popular cause.

*Some of us will remember Fred as an outdoorsman, a hunter, fisherman, and especially a bowhunter whose success and the promotion of this success encouraged millions of people to try this most challenging of sports. A bowhunter who became a legend and a role model for all of us.

*While he was many things to many people, there is one thing he was to all of us and one that we all shared in common, and one that perhaps we never even thought about.

Fred was above all else "A Teacher" and he taught us many things.

*He taught us to hunt, but to hunt for the right reasons. To hunt with respect for the game we hunt and to respect the land upon which we tread.

*He taught us that the success of the hunt should not always be measured by the fullness of the game bag but by the life long friendships made and treasured and the lessons learned by becoming one with nature.

*He taught us to be industrious and to take pride in the products we produce.

*He taught us there are many ways to do a job but there is only one right way and to always look for this right way.

*He taught us to be honest in our dealings with others, but most of all to be honest with ourselves. We can often fool others but we can never fool ourselves.

*He taught us to honor our commitments both business and personal, because honor is our most valuable asset and without it we are nothing.

*He taught us to laugh and most of all to be able to laugh at ourselves. To look for the humor in life because it often makes difficult things easier to handle.

*He taught us to lead and manage. He stated to me at one time to always remember we lead people, and we manage things. The wisdom of the supervisor is measured by the ability to know which is which.

*He taught us that salesmanship and sales integrity is a company's most valuable asset. To give good value for good value received and that a salesman in the field is the company as far as the customer is concerned and it is here that a company's image is admired or destroyed. Fred was proud of Bear Archery and all that went on within it and the Bear Archery sales force was always Fred's pride and joy, except for an occasion that I was involved in. In the early days I was the only salesman we had and a lot was riding on me. If I didn't write the orders they didn't get written. I came back to the office after a week on the road without an order in my briefcase. I was totally demoralized. Fred asked me how I made out. My answer was "Fred, I tried. I would lead the horse to water but I couldn't make him drink." His reply was that "There were two things wrong, number one, we don't call our dealers horses and number two as a salesman, it is not your job to make the horse drink, it is your job to make him thirsty." In that one sentence he summed up the complete philosophy of salesmanship. That sentence changed my life.

*He taught us to share. To share our friendship and our love.

Dear Mrs. Bear, we pray that by our sharing your grief and by our sharing our love with you and your family, it will make this time easier to endure. May God Bless You All. In the past I have worn this bolo tie as a symbol of Bear Archery. From this day forward I will wear it in honor of and in memory of Fred, my friend of 48 years. Each of us will have our very own memory of something that happened that will keep Fred in our thoughts. A special place or special time that will remind us of the fine man that he was. I will use a quotation from a man that Fred greatly admired and was greatly influenced by. Although, I don't think they ever met. That man was Ishi the last member of the Yana Indian tribe in northern California. In the Yana or Yahi language there were no words for goodbye. Ishi would simply say "You go - I stay." So to you our dear friend Fred we say to you - "You go we stay" and by the grace of God we will meet again in a happy place where the environment will be pure and our joys will be boundless and our game bag will overflow with happiness and love.

A Tribute To Reverend Haskel

Dear Dad,

Springtime is finally here,
With baseballs flying far and near.
Us boys are going to have fun,
As the season moves on with a bright, warming sun.

Nate and Marv will be fishing in brand new waders,
As Jon scoops up grounders and hits a couple of taters.
Ben's every class will end with an A,
While Seth teaches Spencer how to play.

Me and Andy will develop R.F.H. Action Photography,
And Gage can help Mom plant lots of broccoli.
At the river's edge we'll commemorate your soul,
With Judge Hunter's big trout; caught with your best fishing pole.

So Springtime is here,
We'll stay happy and keep in good cheer.
After all, it was you who taught us so well,
That kindness with humor is God's greatest magical spell!

Your Boys

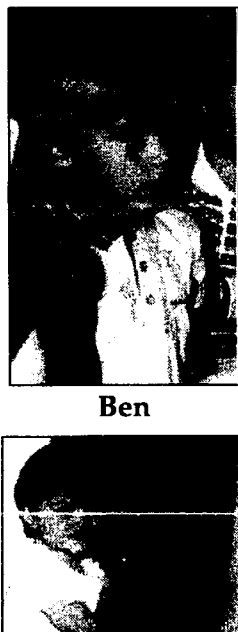
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Spencer and Seth, too!



Andy & Tom



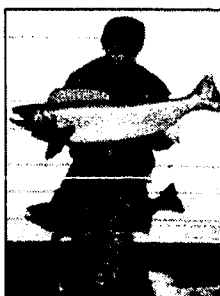
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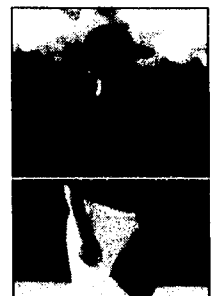
Gage



Spencer and Seth, too!



Nate



Jon

OBITUARIES

Evelyn DeRousha

Evelyn DeRousha, 86, of Grayling, died April 8 at The Meadows of Grayling.

Mrs. DeRousha was born July 26, 1912 in Capay to William H. and Nellie May (Moore) Coleman. She moved to Grayling 39 years ago from Waterford. She was formerly employed as an office worker for General Motors Corporation and also Frenchy's Landing Marina in Waterford. She helped organize the Eagles Auxiliary Chapter 3465 in Grayling and was past-madam-president of the auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles DeRousha in 1979 and by her parents, William and Nellie May Coleman.

Survivors include: a son, Everett C. DeRousha of Waterford; a sister, June Pixley of Grayling; a niece, Nancy Wagner of West Branch; and special friend, Elmer C. Warner of Grayling.

Funeral services were held April 12 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Reverend Robert Barnett officiating. An Eagles Auxiliary Memorial Service was held at the funeral home immediately following the funeral. Burial was at the Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Michigan, Roscommon.

In Memory Of

A year ago today a great lady died. She was a very loving, caring and giving lady. She is missed greatly by her children, family and friends.

We all pray that her pain from life ended as her soul was passed on into Heaven.

Our thoughts are always with her, hoping that any afterlife has made her happy and pain free. As she looks down on us we like to think it's to keep us all in her loving embrace.

Life without her is very different and sometimes lonely, but we do move on to all the things that make our lives worth living and happy.

Missing her will always be a part of our lives regardless of where it leads us and what is still to come. May she Rest in Peace always knowing that she made us all what we are today.

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In Memory Of

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Our hearts still ache with sadness
Our eyes shed many tears
God knows it was so sudden
To part with one so dear
He bid no one a last farewell
He said good-bye to none
His loving heart had ceased to beat
Before we knew it, he was gone
The blow was hard, the shock severe
We never thought death was so near
not a day do we forget you
Thoughts of you are always near
We who love you sadly miss you
As a year draws near.

Joan

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for the many hours they have given to our patients. They are all very caring, compassionate people who provide relief for the caregivers, companionship, transportation to doctor appointments, light household duties, spiritual support, fundraising and clerical support, to name just a few of their duties. Both our adult and teen volunteers have contributed over 6,000 hours of their time to our program. Without their help and support we couldn't provide the extras that mean so much to our patients and families at this most difficult time of their life.

You have all done an excellent job and we truly appreciate each and every one of you!

Hospice of Michigan Staff

Card of Thanks

My deepest thanks to my family, friends and co-workers for their prayers, cards, flowers and gifts.

A special thanks to Loretta and Louis for taking me to and from Munson Hospital.

Virginia Bancroft

MERCY BIRTHS

Benjamin and Madelyn Haskel of Grayling announce the arrival of Spencer Thomas Haskel born March 25.

Jon and Jessica Chapman of St. Helen announce the arrival of Alexis Elizabeth Chapman born March 25.

Brent and Stephanie Leas of Grayling announce the arrival of Lyric Marie Leas born March 25.

Scott and Joell Gabriel of Grayling announce the arrival of Josilyn Angel Gabriel born March 25.

Richard and Kathleen Jaskowski of Grayling announce the arrival of Clay Richard Jaskowski born March 30.

Dennis Ellsworth and Peggy Barton of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Dennis Lee Ellsworth Jr. born March 31.

Edward and Angelia Stern of

Roscommon announce the arrival of Gabriel Howard Stern born March 31.

Toby and Ashley McMaster of Mio announce the arrival of Reilly Lee McMaster born April 1.

Scott Quirk and Cheryl Soper of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of William Louis Quirk born April 3.

Patricia Tanner of Grayling announces the arrival of Brandon Tyler Tanner born April 3.

Robert and Beverly Aikin, Jr., of Valley View, Ohio announce the arrival of Alexander Russell Aikin born April 4.

Robert and Marcy Ohneck of Bear Lake Township announce the arrival of Kennedy Kathryn-Deborah Ohneck born April 10.

Lindsay VanAmburg of Grayling announces the arrival of Makenna Rae VanAmburg born April 10.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

April is volunteer month at the Crawford County Library. The volunteer showing the most dedication and initiative for the Library is Barbara Spasoff of South Branch Township.

Spasoff, "Grama" to the children, has volunteered for the past two years during the story hour program helping organize the crafts, demonstrate finger plays, songs and generally acting like a "Grama" for the story hour children.

Spasoff is president of the Friends of the Crawford County Library. She has organized, with the help of more Friends, the Friends group, book sales, flower planting and the first Friends Winter Book Sale.

To join Spasoff and the Friends of the Library in their future

endeavors, you may join for a membership fee of \$10 a year per person. Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Library.

For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. www.grayling-mi.com/library/htm.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled April 21 through April 27.

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Range 40 complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman

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MILITARY NEWS

Edward Davis came home to Grayling from his military duties to visit his family recently.

He is currently stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Spring, Colorado.

He is serving our country as a military police officer in the U.S. Army.

Davis served six months in

Europe from September 20, 1998 to March 15, 1999, staying three months in Croatia and three months in Hungary

Card of Thanks

Crawford County Habitat for Humanity wishes to extend their most grateful appreciation to all those talented and wonderful performers who participated in the Milltown Follies on Friday, April 16.

It was a smashing success and for those attending, a good time was had by all! Proceeds from the ticket sales was \$1,203, which was donated by the Follies to Habitat for the building of their fourth house in the community.

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Crawford AuSable School News

Highlights from the AuSable Primary School Art Fair



On February 20, the AuSable Primary School held an Art Fair.

School staff, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors came to visit the Art Gallery and participate in hands-on arts and crafts. There was also a popcorn sale that day.

At left is a little girl learning how to make paper snowflakes and other art pieces.

Armed with a paintbrush, Teresa Schreiber (at right) creates a colorful painting while other art patrons look on.

Mastering the art of glue sticks and paper cut-outs takes steady hands and concentration (bottom left) as Ann Hamlin and Katie Money demonstrate here.

Creating painted masterpieces are (bottom right) Gage Thomason and sisters, Sarah and Marie Miller.

The Art Fair was created to introduce many art forms to the students, as well as the community, through hands-on experience.

The Fair also provided visitors with just a sample of the art curriculum taught in the Crawford AuSable School District and proof of why it is an important part of a complete education.



GHS band members show well at State Solo/Ensemble Festival

By Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

Grayling High School (GHS) band members scored well at the State Solo/Ensemble Festival in Big Rapids.

Twenty-one events received a "1" rating at the district level, held at Gaylord High School on February 27, qualifying them for the State Festival at Ferris State University on March 27.

A "first" for Grayling was accomplished as no student cancelled at the last minute, and every event had a participant from GHS.

Grayling High School band members earned 14 first place and seven

second place finishes at the state level.

Ninth grade solo and ensemble events performed only their own piece of music. Tenth and twelfth graders entered the proficiency level.

Band members receiving a "1" rating included Brooke Ginther, Ryan Mirate, Erin Scott, Joe Hughes, and Tim Ormsbee in their brass quintet.

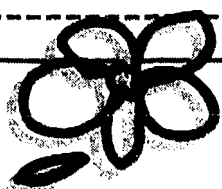
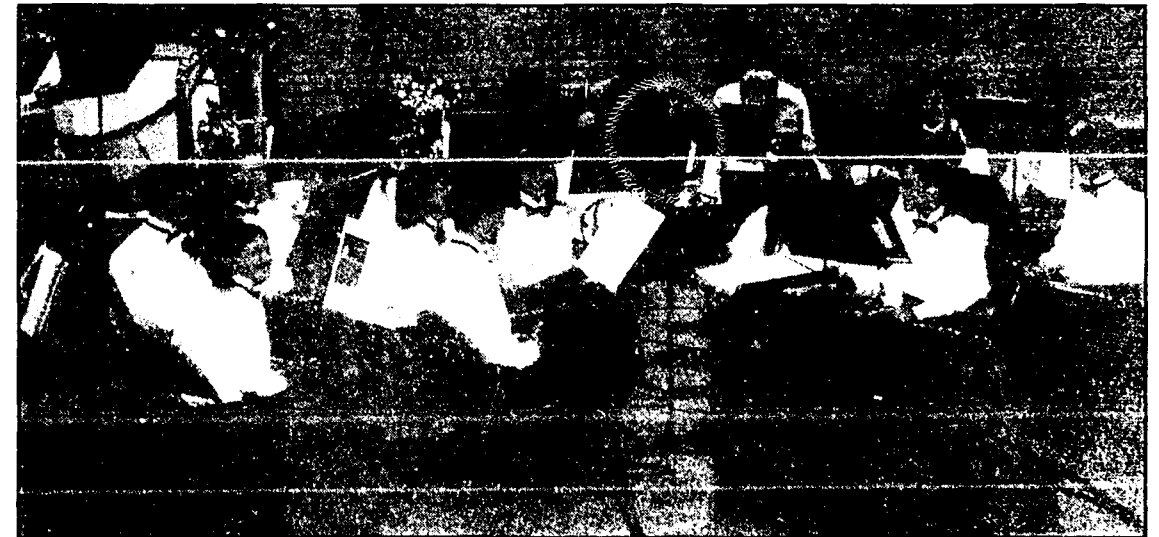
Other winners were: Ryan Mirate-trumpet solo; Brandy Plutko-baritone saxophone solo; Brandy Plutko-alto saxophone solo; Natalie Kent-English horn solo; Becky Hunt-oboe solo; Rachel

Hunt-bassoon solo; Tiffany Ruark-flute solo;

Tim Ormsbee-tuba solo; Krys Rugenstein-flute solo; Krys Rugenstein and Lindsey Knapp-flute duet; Gwen Seifert-clarinet solo; and Heidie Wallace-clarinet solo.

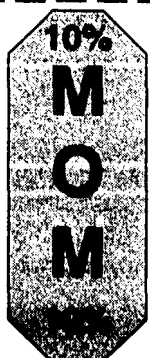
Band members receiving a "2" rating included:

Krys Rugenstein and Jenna Bugyi-flute duet; Tiffany Ruark-alto saxophone solo; Erin Scott-French horn solo; Alexis Sumner-bass clarinet solo; Rachel Ramaswamy-piano solo; Gina Rosi-mallet solo; and Mandi Ellis-alto saxophone solo.



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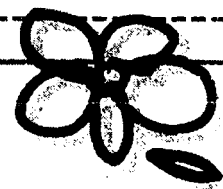
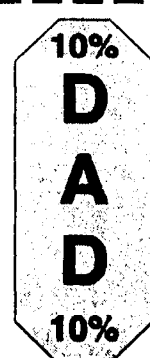
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Volunteers create Healing Garden at Mercy

An ancient tradition is being revived in U.S. hospitals. Horticulture Therapy Healing Gardens are being built from New York City's Tamarand Foundation to the one at San Francisco General Hospital Center. Grayling Mercy Hospital is no exception to the movement.

Hospital gardens provide a sheltered place to walk and sit, listen to the sounds of nature apart from the bustle of the clinical life. It is believed that can be a psychological aid to recovery and healing.

In the summer of 1995, Grayling Mercy Hospital started developing its gardens. The first planting area, a very quiet and calming place, was to be dedicated to the vets of the Gulf War.

In 1998, the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary sponsored the beginning of an irrigation system. Later that year, Richard Slater expressed interest in creating a garden in loving memory of his deceased wife, Dorothy who was stricken with cancer. The Healing Garden, which is partially completed, has become an inspiring focal point for patients, visitors and employees of the hospital and manor. A future dedication is being planned upon completion.

Another garden at Mercy Manor is also growing. To residents of the manor, it is a newly found place to meet with their family members and guests, a special area to enjoy and pick the flowers, grow vegetables and soak up the sunshine. David Starks, working toward attaining Eagle Scout status and a Grayling High School student, donated his time and talents and built two picnic tables designed to be wheel chair accessible. He also built bird feeders for each of the resident's windows.

One of the garden maintenance volunteers talked with Joe Porter, a local resident, regarding gardening tables. These are tables which resemble raised garden beds on legs making them accessible for wheel chair and walker gardeners. Porter got to work and found Mary Parker who designed and constructed the tables.

Mercy Manor acquired not only tables but a new friend. After attending a presentation by the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association, Nancy Kirby, a Grayling Township resident

shopped for items such as gardening tools, holders and umbrellas.

Plant donations began coming in for the Manor garden. Gardening maintenance volunteers were surprised to find new plants that would magically appear each day and discovered they had many donor friends. Some plants were donated by the Manor nurses, others by Lucinda Davis and Laura Gould, Walters Gardens. The Giving Tree Farm and the Kirtland Garden Club plant exchange were also very generous.

Advanced gardener, Bev Wichert, and Kathy Prause, a landscape and nursery student at MSU, will be joined by Steffanie Wichert and master gardener Arlene Frailey to maintain the garden. "Gardening is so therapeutic for people," states Prause. "A garden can accommodate a young hand too small to handle a watering can or an older hand with stiff joints."

It is said that those who plant a garden look to the future. Jerry Herrick, Mercy Manor resident who assisted in planting numerous flower bulbs last fall will have much to look forward to as he and fellow residents wait and watch for the fruits of his labors this spring!



Photos courtesy of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary

HEALING GARDEN — Landscaping student Kathy Prause and Advanced Gardener Bev Wichert tend to the many flowering plants in The Healing Garden at Mercy.



YOUNG VOLUNTEER — Grayling High School student and prospective Eagle Scout David Starks (standing) built bird feeders and picnic tables for the residents at Mercy Manor. Each resident has a feeder hanging outside their window, allowing for hours of bird watching

Volunteers to plant flowers around state buildings

by Bree J. Fowler
Capital News Service

Lansing — With spring finally here, legislators aren't the only ones digging in at the state Capitol.

Most of the 16,846 flowers that will decorate the Capitol lawns and other state office buildings

throughout the summer won't be planted until the end of May, but preparations are under way already.

Kristi Rutz-Robbins, a Michigan State University graduate student, designed this year's gardens. She and her mother Miriam Rutz, a MSU urban planning professor, have been involved with the project for several years.

Rutz-Robbins said this year's plantings, as in past years, will recreate the look of a Victorian garden and feature a heart design with scrolls to match the architecture of the columns of the Capitol.

Jerry Lawler, executive director of the Michigan Capitol Committee, which maintains the Capitol grounds, said his staff has been busy planting flowers and

spreading wood chips to prepare the grounds for spring. About 24 flats of pansies have been planted on the capitol grounds so far. Pansies will help fill in the Capitol's flower beds until the summer flowers are planted later this spring.

"We have a lot of school groups that come through this time of year," Lawler said. "So it's really important we have those flowers there to brighten the beds up."

On May 25, volunteers will converge on the Capitol to plant the truckloads of donated flowers. Besides the Capitol grounds, some of the perennials will end up outside of the Michigan Historical Museum, the Library of Michigan and the Roosevelt Building.

Lawler said the volunteers, who range from state employees to members of a Grand Ledge garden club, are crucial to getting the many flowers planted and saving taxpayer money. "It would take us days to get it done without them. They love to come back and see what they've done and they save the state a bundle, too."

Rutz-Robbins agreed the volunteers' help is invaluable. Although she expects to have a baby very soon, she hopes to be out planting in May with her family.

"There are a lot of regular volunteers who are so dedicated and come back every year," she said. "It's a lot of fun and a really special day."

The Capitol Trade staff handles much of the weeding and planting, while mowing and tree trimming is contracted out to a private company.

Visits from the company usually cost about \$180 and happen about once a week, Lawler said.

Goldsmith Seed Co. in Okemos, which has donated flowers to the Capitol on and off for several years, plans to donate 20 flats of petunias and 30 flats of salvia to the project. The blue- and rose-colored flowers will be used to form one of the heart-shaped flower beds. Goldsmith's flats contain 32 plants, so they will send a total of 1,600 plants to Lansing.

Marilyn Ruff, head grower for the company, said they usually make recommendations to the Capitol staff on what kinds of flowers would work well, then the staff sends an order to her company.

Ruff said it's important for her company's flowers to be displayed at the Capitol. "It's really good exposure for our business," she said. "There's so much traffic through there in the summer."

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Auto insurer expects fewer claims for pothole damage

by Jennifer Lavis
Capital News Service

Lansing - With millions being spent on road repair this year, Michigan's largest auto insurer expects to see fewer claims for pothole damage.

"The number of claims has dropped below last year," said Nancy Cain, public relations manager for AAA Michigan. She said AAA receives 10,000 to 15,000 damage claims a year due to potholes -- double the number of claims before the roads deteriorated.

"We've had one of our toughest and coldest winters, so we had more claims early on, but since then, road crews have been out working," Cain said.

Some Ludington area auto repair shops, including Auto Service Center Inc. and Midas Auto Systems, haven't seen an increase in pothole-related repairs.

"We always get more repairs with the spring breakup," said Lyle Collins, owner of James Tire and Service Inc. "We do a lot of alignments this time of year."

Pothole damage repairs average \$200 to \$300. Most recent estimates show Michigan drivers pay \$145 million a year for driving on pothole-covered roads, according to a study completed in 1997 by the Surface Transportation Policy Project and the Environmental Working Group.

Cain said due to the many factors affecting the cost of insurance, AAA has been unable to establish the exact cost of pothole damage claims.

"But everybody pays when you get potholes," she said. "Premiums are a reflection of what we have to pay out."

Smith and Eddy Insurance Agency of Ludington reported it

averages 10 pothole-related damage claims a year from some 2,000 auto policies. "People know where the potholes are and they avoid them," said insurance agent Scott Smith. "We're not part of a huge county and the county guys get things fixed."

County road commissions are responsible for upkeep and construction of local roads, while the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) repairs state highways and bridges.

Gary Naeyaert, MDOT director of communications, said there are three factors that contribute to road deterioration: age, traffic volume and the ravages of the winter cycles. "Michigan roads are taking a beating with winter. But the fact is, we're reaching the end of our road's design life."

Michigan roads are older, by seven to 10 years, compared with neighboring states. Roads have an

average use expectancy of 20 to 25 years -- most Michigan highways are 30 to 35 years old.

"It took decades for them to deteriorate," Naeyaert said. "But we're on track with fixing them."

AAA was part of the group that lobbied for the 4-cent per gallon tax increase to help repair roads. "We've made a giant step forward," Cain said. "This is the first year we'll reap the benefits of that increase."

MDOT's budget this year is \$1.2 billion and it expects to repair 1,500 miles of the 9,725 miles of Michigan's state roads. "We met our repair goal last year and we're sure we'll be able to get most of the repairs done," Naeyaert said.

In 1996, 65 percent of state roads and bridges were reported in good condition. MDOT's 10-year goal is to have 90 percent of the roads in good condition by 2007.

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State fine-tunes wetlands permit plan for federal review

by Mary Owen
Capital News Service

Lansing - The state has yet to approve a plan that would better ensure Michigan's right to issue permits for development on or near wetlands that meets federal standards.

Michigan became the first state of two states to administer its own wetland permits in 1984. New Jersey is the second. Currently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting its first review of the permit process, said Phillippa Cannon, public affairs specialist for the Region 5 office of the EPA.

Ken Silfven, press secretary for Department of Environmental Quality, said the federal audit is the impetus behind trying to improve the wetland permit process.

The DEQ and the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers jointly administer the process.

A public hearing on the proposal was held earlier this month and a decision by DEQ is expected this summer.

"We support this review," Silfven said. "There are some ambiguities between the state and federal process. It's not a big deal, but it helps to clarify for people so they understand and know what to expect."

He said wetland permitting is one of the toughest regulatory processes in the state.

Dave Dempsey, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said the permitting process has become more lax in recent years and he supports the effort to improve compliance with federal regulations.

"We've fallen below the federal floor with this," Dempsey said, "and as far as I'm concerned, we're into the basement."

Dempsey points to lawsuits by the Macomb County prosecutor and state attorney general to reverse or prevent DEQ from issuing a wetland permit.

"I think it's pretty significant if two law enforcement officials are opposing what the DEQ is doing," he said.

Steve Christensen, soil erosion control officer with the Leelanau Soil Conservation District, said a state-administered permit process is more efficient and more likely to be environmentally friendly than a federal program.

While he doesn't believe Gov. John Engler's administration is con-

cerned with wetlands or other natural resources, local DEQ officers rarely approve developments that he believes might jeopardize the wetlands.

"In my feeling, the job that is being done in the county is a good job," Christensen said. "It's a tough call whether or not DEQ is allowing too much fill or not."

The proposal would require permit applicants to show that they used all means for minimizing impact on wetlands and display that there are no alternatives to development. Projects less than one-third of an acre and created for the purpose of restoring wetlands are exempted.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from April 12 through April 19:

Five fire; two assault; one burglary; two larceny; five property damage; six public peace; one OUI/OUID; six health and public safety; five miscellaneous crimes; eight minors; five accidents; two non-traffic accidents; two civil traffic; two traffic safety; two false alarm; one accident-other; four vehicle inspections; two civil/family trouble; four suspicious situation; one lost & found property; 15 general non-criminal.

A total of 81 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

Trout Unlimited to hold Fly Fishing School

The Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited has announced the dates of its 29th annual Fly Fishing School to be held the weekend of June 11-13.

The school will be headquartered again at Ranch Rudolf, which is located southeast of Traverse City on the Boardman River. This is the same location that Trout Unlimited has held its summer fly fishing schools since the early 1970s.

The school is a non-profit project of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited, a fisheries conservation organization. The school is open to everyone; membership in Trout

Unlimited is not required.

Instructors for the school are all members of Trout Unlimited who donate their time and talent. Most have been instructors for 10 years or more, and all have been specially trained for the school. The ratio of students to instructors is usually 4 to 1.

Instruction is available at all levels, from beginners to advanced, and covers all facets of fly fishing, especially proper casting techniques. Lectures and demonstrations cover such topics as tackle, entomology, fly tying, and wading.

The School will open with regis-

tration on Friday, June 11, and continue through early Sunday afternoon.

All necessary equipment (except waders) is supplied by the school; not even a rod and reel is required for participation.

Lodging at Ranch Rudolf is available, and special discounts are given to spouses and children age 12 to 18 when attending with another adult.

All meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch are included in the package, as well as two nights lodging.

The Fly Fishing School is completely non-commercial. An all-volunteer staff makes the school one of the least expensive, yet most highly regarded in the nation.

Additional information about the Fly Fishing School can be obtained by contacting Pat Merrill in writing at P.O. Box 117, Grayling, MI 49738, or by calling (517) 348-1782.

Small business employees tougher to find

Small business owners report that they're having more difficulty than ever in finding qualified workers, according to the latest quarterly Small Business Barometer survey.

Two hundred Michigan small business owners were surveyed in the first three weeks of February for the 21st edition of the Barometer research project.

In a question on the accessibility of qualified personnel in Michigan, negative ratings continued to rise, and this quarter hit an all-time high of 35 percent.

Small business owners' contrasting perceptions on accessibility to qualified personnel continue to be illustrated in the survey section entitled "Most Positive and Negative Climate Factors," where the response "access to a large, educated

workforce" shows up on the list of the "ten most positive aspects of the Michigan business climate" and on the list of "ten most negative aspects."

Despite a perceived lack of qualified personnel, small business leaders appear to be satisfied with the accessibility of training services in Michigan. Positive ratings for this measure increased by five percentage points from last quarter to 54 percent.

However, the proportion of negative ratings also increased about five points to 16 percent, while neutral ratings dropped nine points.

The positive ratings are essentially equivalent to those of one year ago, while the proportion of negative ratings are about seven points higher than a year ago.

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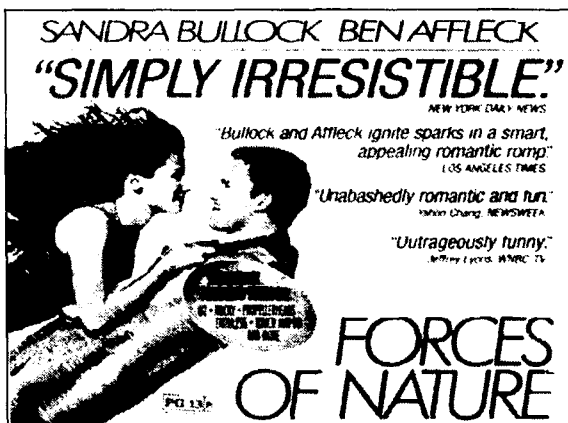
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Huber brothers awarded for physical education

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Tyler, an eighth grade student at Grayling Middle School, was nominated for the award by his teacher and coach, Cindy Jones.

Travis, a senior at Grayling High School, was nominated for the award by his coach Rodney Patterson.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excel-

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Tyler and Travis are the sons of Chuck and Karen Huber, and the grandsons of Richard Huber, Larry

and Dee Balch, Yvonne Bindschattel and Monte Malonen, all of Grayling.

Gaylord to host Pistons summer youth basketball camp

The Detroit Pistons are conducting their 3rd annual statewide training camp tour for boys and girls during the summer of 1999 with the fifth stop of the tour in Gaylord at Gaylord High School. This will be

the first time ever the Detroit Pistons have conducted a basketball camp in Gaylord.

The Gaylord session will be held from Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15.

Under the direction of Director of Basketball Camps/Clinics Coach Steve Moreland, these basketball camps will feature Pistons players and coaches as well as the WNBA's Detroit Shock players and coaches, who will serve as guest speakers and instructors.

Campers will not only learn how to dribble, pass, and shoot like the Pistons and the Shock, but they will also work on life skills taught at

home and in the classroom.

Coach Moreland's focus behind the youth basketball camps is simple: "Our primary objective is impacting youth in the game of life. Our hope is that each camper improves their life skills and basketball skills, as well as becomes a team player at home, in school and on the basketball court."

Camp coaches will consist of college/high school coaches from around the state. A typical day of camp consists of skill development stations, contests, scrimmages, and guest speakers. The Pistons mascot Hooper will even stop by.

Pistons/Shock camp is for boys

and girls of all skill levels from grades 1-12. Children in grades 1-5 have their session from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Grades 6-12 have their session from 1 - 5 p.m. Participants can win awards such as the Joe Dumars Attitude Award, Cindy Brown Hustle Award, Korie Hiede Most Improved, and Grant Hill Most Valuable Player.

Each session of the Training Camp Tour is limited to the first 150 participants. Those interested in learning the skills of basketball, and more importantly, the skills of life, should enroll now by calling Chris Fritzsching, Pistons Camp/Clinic Coordinator at (248) 377-0104.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

SPRING SOCCER - The GRA Soccer Season begins April 24 at Hanson Hills. This year all soccer games will be held outdoors. Late registrations are being accepted. If you do not already own your interchangeable GRA jersey good for all GRA athletics (except for basketball) they can be purchased for \$8. Registration includes 6 games,

medal and certificate. Games are played Saturdays at Hanson Hills. We make every effort to find scholarships for those who cannot afford to play.

SOCCER FUND-RAISER - The Soccer Steering committee is having their annual Hungry Tummy Fund-raiser. Players will get their sub packets Saturday, April 24,

from their coaches. Orders and money are due Saturday, May 8. Orders should then be picked up Friday, May 22, at Hanson Hills between 3 & 5:30 p.m. Please make check payable to GRASS (Grayling Recreation Authority Soccer Steering Committee). Any questions regarding the fund-raiser please call Katy McNamara at 348-8679.

MEN'S SOFTBALL - Hey ball players, sign your team up for softball. Team registration is \$300. Player fee is only \$15 per player with a maximum player fee not to exceed \$165. For more information call Joe Lehman at 348-2292.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY - Community clean up day is Saturday, May 8 at Hanson Hills. There will be community projects we are looking for volunteers to help with. For more information call 348-9266. Remember all volunteer hours at Hanson Hills can be reported for graduation requirements.

KITE DAY - Kite Day is planned for May 15 at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The event is sponsored by CSI and GRA. Join us at Hanson Hills between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Free kites and refreshments are available on a first come first served basis.

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Successful bidders must be prepared to file with the MDNR, Real Estate Division a lease performance bond, the amount of which will be determined by the total number of acres bid in. Successful bidders will be notified of the amount of bond required prior to issuance of the leases.

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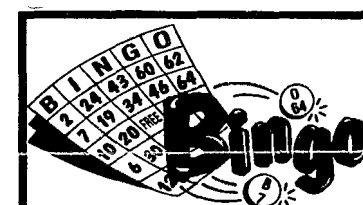


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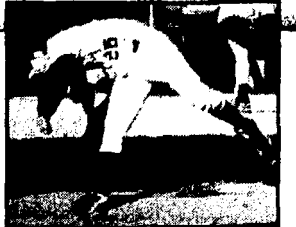
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Grayling High School Track starts year with a home meet

Viking Boys Track Team opens '99 season

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's Varsity Boys Track Team opened its 1999 season last week with a home meet, at which several Viking athletes put in solid performances, including a couple first place finishes.

"I was very pleased with the effort and the results of our athletes," said Coach John Chott.

"Although our track team is small in numbers, we will be very competitive in most events."

"Having only two practice days between spring break and our first meet, it was a challenge to put it together," continued Coach Chott.

"Also, many of our athletes have very little experience in track, so as a team, we look at our first couple of meets as learning experiences."

As a team, the Vikes placed third out of three teams at the Thursday, April 15 meet, losing to Roscommon (1st with 198 team points) and Charlevoix (2nd with 139). Grayling scored 126 points.

Top individual and relay team placements for Grayling included: 3200 meter relay: Brett Black, Scott Latusek, Peter Mead, Armand Lawrence, 2nd place; 100 meter dash: Nate Hinkle, 1st; 1600 meter run: Mead, 3rd; 400 meter relay: Kyle Maples, Carter Pavey, Kevin Jansen, Hinkle, 2nd;

300 meter low hurdles: Jansen, 3rd; 3200 meter run: R.J. Schmidt, 2nd; 3200 meter run: Latusek, 3rd; shot put: Nick Baynham, 2nd; discus: Lawrence, 1st, Baynham, 6th; long jump: Maples, 1st, Jansen, 2nd, Pavey, 4th, Brad Hebel, 6th; high jump: Hinkle, 1st, Lawrence, 5th; 200 meter dash, Hinkle, 1st, Maples, 5th.

GHS failed to place in the 800 meter run and 400 meter dash, and had no representation in the pole vault, 800 meter relay, and 110 meter high hurdles.

Grayling will host another track meet this week, on Wednesday, April 21, at Don Ferguson Field. The event will feature North East Michigan Conference teams Standish Sterling Central, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, and Grayling. The meet starts at 4 p.m.



RACE START -- GHS Boys Track Team member Tom King (left) takes off at the starting gun.



OUT OF THE BLOCKS -- Grayling's Nate Hinkle (center) gets off to a good start during one of last Thursday's dash events.

Girls Track Team hurt by low numbers

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Girls Track Team competed in its first events of the '99 season last week in a home meet against Roscommon and Charlevoix.

The Rayders of Charlevoix won the April 15 meet with 209 team points. The Roscommon Bucks took second with 205 points, and Grayling finished a distant third at 42 points.

"The Grayling Girls Track Team put in a great effort in their home opener of the 1999 season," said Coach Diane Isenhauer. "The team this year has only eight girls competing; however, what we lack in numbers, we make up in heart."

"They are a hard-working bunch

of girls, who not only work hard but are a lot of fun to be around," said Coach Isenhauer.

This year's team includes: junior Katie Bonne, junior Tasha Carlisle, senior Mary Dobry, sophomore Heather Lynch, junior Tiffany Ruark, freshman Gina Thompson, junior Karen Wyman, and junior Kathy Wyman.

"With what few girls we have, I expect good things from them," said Isenhauer. "I have high hopes for my 3200 meter relay team and expect Katie Bonne to qualify for state this year, as well as Mary Dobry in the mile."

The team's 3200 meter relay squad consisting of Dobry, Karen and Kathy Wyman, and Thompson, took second place in last Thursday's

meet versus Roscommon and Charlevoix.

Grayling athletes also placed in the following events:

1600 meter run, Dobry, 2nd place; 3200 meter run, Karen Wyman, 3rd place; shot put, Bonne, 1st place; 400 meter dash, Thompson, 4th place; discus, Bonne, 3rd place.

Grayling did not participate in several events due to lack of players.

The team will compete in another home meet this week, this time against North East Michigan Conference squads from Saginaw Valley Lutheran and Standish Sterling Central.

The meet is scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

1st day of trout season set for April 24

The opening day of trout season, which falls on the last Saturday in April every year, is scheduled for April 24, allowing anglers to hit area rivers and lakes as early in the year as possible.

Crawford County has numerous lakes and sections of river in which fisherman can try their skill at catching trout.

The following are a few of the county's sections of river and their regulations for trout fishing, as stated in the Department of Natural Resources 1999 Michigan Fishing Guide:

- AuSable River Mainstream, from Burtons Landing (T26N, R3W, Sec 11) to Wakeley Bridge (T26N, R2W, Sec 11) (8.7 miles); catch and release only; open all year; artificial flies only. Trout may not be possessed in catch and release areas regardless of where caught.

- North Branch AuSable River, from Sheep Ranch Access (upstream of Twin Bridges T28N, R2W, Sec 12) to mouth (T26N, R1W, Sec 1) (21 miles); open season is April 24-October 31; artificial flies only; minimum size limit is 8" for brook trout, 10" for other trout; possession limit is 5 trout.

- South Branch AuSable River, from Chase Bridge (T25N, R2W, Sec 22) to lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, Sec 13) (4 miles); open season is April 24-October 31; artificial flies only; catch and release only. Trout may not be possessed in catch and release areas regardless of where caught.

- South Branch AuSable River, from Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, Sec 13) to mouth (T26N, R1W, Sec 8) (11 miles); open sea-



FISHING THE AUSABLE -- Anglers will be able to hit area rivers and lakes in search of trout on April 24 this year.

son is April 24-October 31; artificial flies only; minimum size limit is 8" for brook trout, 10" for other trout; possession limit is 5 trout.

Crawford County is also home to several "designated trout lakes," including:

- Bright Lake; open season is April 24-September 30.

- Glory Lake; open season is April 24-September 30.

- Shupac Lake; the use or pos-

session of minnows is unlawful; open season is April 24-September 30.

- Sandhill Lake; artificial lures with single-pointed hook only; limit is 1 trout over 15"; it is unlawful to possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented material on any of the waters or on shore; open season is April 24-September 30.



PASSING THE BATON -- Karen Wyman and Kathy Wyman make the exchange during last Thursday's 3200 meter relay race.

Grayling Vikings Middle School Track schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event	Bus Time
Friday	April 23, 1999	Houghton Lake Invitational	A	4:00	2:45
Tuesday	April 27, 1999	Mio & Roscommon	A	4:00	2:45
Tuesday	May 4, 1999	Gladwin, West Branch, Tawas	A	4:00	1:45
Tuesday	May 11, 1999	Tawas, West Branch, Gladwin	A	4:00	2:00
Monday	May 17, 1999	Gladwin, West Branch, Mio	H	4:00	
Wednesday	May 26, 1999	Gladwin, Tawas, West Branch	A	4:00	2:15

Tentative Schedule - Subject to Change

*Underlined denotes site of away game

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Vikings win first three games of '99 season

Varsity Baseball Team off to a good start

by Caleb Casey
 Staff Writer

Grayling's Varsity Baseball Team started its '99 season last week with three straight wins, beating the Boyne City Ramblers at Boyne City and defeating the visiting Kalkaska Blazers in both games of a Friday night doubleheader.

On Wednesday, April 14, the Vikings took on Boyne City. Due to darkness, the teams were only able to get in one full game, which Grayling won 21-13.

GHS led 9-2 early in the game, but Boyne City had a big third inning, in which the Ramblers picked up six. Grayling got a couple back in the fourth, but Boyne scored four runs in the fifth to take a 13-12 lead.

The Vikes rallied in the sixth (and final) inning for nine runs and held the Ramblers scoreless in their last chances at the plate to seal the 21-13 win.

Josh Sheldon and Rusty Strohpaal both pitched for the Vikings.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Mike Ketchum, 4 for 4 (including 2 doubles), 2 RBI, 3 runs scored; Eli Tobin, 4 for 5, 2 RBI, 2 steals, 2 runs scored; Ray Trudgeon, 2 for 4, (2 doubles), 3 RBI; Jon Haskel, 2 for 5, 1 RBI;

Jeremy Latuszek, 1 for 3, 2 RBI, 3 runs scored; Strohpaal, 1 for 4, 3 runs scored.

In a pair of lower-scoring games, Grayling swept a doubleheader at home on Friday, April 16, against the visiting Kalkaska Blazers. GHS won the first game 6-3 and the second game by a final score of 5-3.

Starting pitcher Jeremy Millikin picked up the win in the first game, allowing three runs on six hits in four-and-two-thirds innings of work. Strohpaal earned a save after pitching a scoreless inning-and-a-third in relief of Millikin.

Top batters for the Vikings were: Haskel, 2 for 4 (including a double and a triple), 3 RBI; Latuszek, 2 for 3, 1 RBI, 2 steals, 2 runs scored; Chad Ellis, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 steal; Tobin, 1 for 3, 2 steals; Strohpaal, 1 for 2, 1 steal; Trudgeon, 1 for 3.

The Vikes edged the Blazers in the second game, winning by a score of 5-3.

Tobin picked up the win, after pitching two-and-a-third hitless and scoreless innings in relief of starter Jeremiah Johnson. Johnson struck out five and allowed three runs on three hits in two-and-two-thirds innings.

Tobin also led the offensive attack, driving in two runs on a sin-

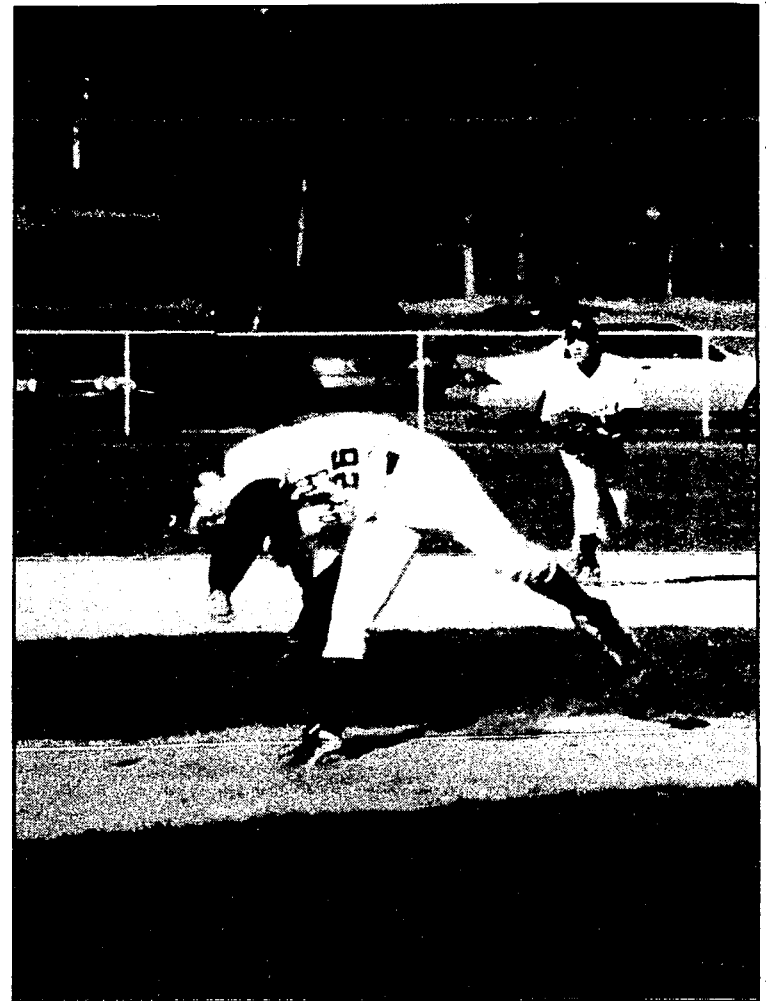
gle and a double in two trips to the plate.

Ellis also had a good game, batting 2 for 3 and scoring two runs for the Vikes.

"We are playing consistent and solid defense as a team," said Coach Fred Wolcott. "We are getting some timely hits, our team

average is .358. If we can get our pitchers to throw strikes and cut down on their base on balls, we will be even better."

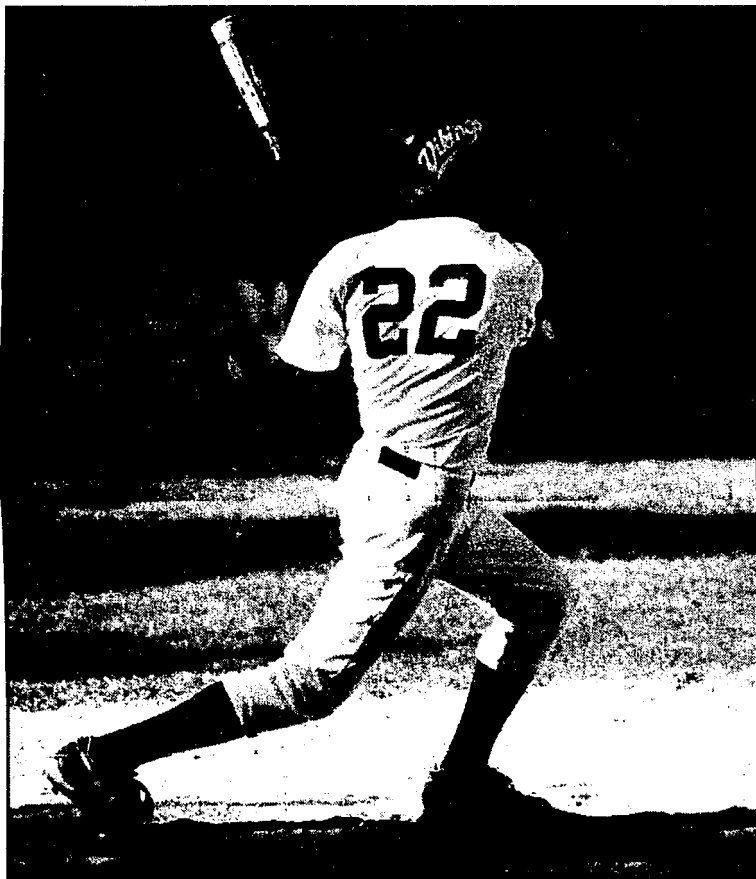
The Varsity Baseball Team will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, April 23. Game one of the doubleheader will start at 4 p.m.



ON THE HILL -- Grayling's Rusty Strohpaal lets one go.



GET THE OUT -- Second baseman Jon Haskel flips the ball to the first baseman.



HITTING THE BALL -- Senior Jeremy Millikin puts the ball in play.

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ELI TOBIN
 Varsity Baseball
 Coach: Fred Wolcott

Eli hit .700 (7 for 10) for the first week of the season. He scored 5 runs, had 4 RBIs, stole 6 bases, and pitched well in a relief role to get Grayling out of a jam in the second game vs. Kalkaska.

Girls Soccer squad wins season opener

The GHS Varsity Girls Soccer Team won its season opener on Tuesday, April 13, in Grayling by defeating Bay City John Glenn 2-0.

The Vikings started out rather tentative, but about half way through the first half they started to get confident and began putting pressure on the Bay City goal.

The momentum continued into the second half. Grayling controlled the ball and finally broke the scoring ice when Danielle Niederer made a centering pass to Liana Oliveira. The keeper stopped Oliveira's first shot from in front of the goal, but she kicked the rebound into the left side of the net for a score.

With ten minutes to go, Jessica Holzbauer added the insurance goal with a hard kick past the keeper. Monica Kustra and Brooke Ginther both had an assist on the goal.

The defense, led by goalkeeper Katie Bonne, continually stymied the Bay City offense. Jenny Wheeling, Michelle Salyers, Sarah McGuire and Kelly Wilson cleared the ball from Grayling's defensive area throughout the game.

On Wednesday, April 14, the Vikings traveled to Saginaw Valley Lutheran for their second conference game of the season.

Grayling lost 5-0, which was a significant improvement over last year's games against Valley Lutheran.

Saginaw is considered the top team in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) this year with a very fast and experienced squad.

At halftime Valley Lutheran was ahead 3-0.

Grayling's defense held off a lot of determined attacks by Valley Lutheran. Only two goals were allowed in the second half. Bonne made nine saves total and Jenny Wheeling made two great header saves on defense.

"(Our) teamwork was very good and it showed by holding Valley Lutheran to only five points," said Coach Karen Langseth.

The Grayling team played its third game of the week against West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, April 16, at GHS.

The Grayling squad was never able to get momentum going as Ogemaw Heights came out very aggressive and maintained good



BALL MOVEMENT -- Liana Oliveira (#10) and Monica Kustra (#11) move the ball up the field.

ball control throughout the contest.

The GHS defense fought off the Ogemaw Heights attacks for most of the first half, but then let in a pair of goals on excellent shots by Ogemaw Heights midfielders.

Again, Bonne played well at goalkeeper, stopping 22 shots on net. McGuire had a busy afternoon containing the Ogemaw Heights left forward.

"Grayling had several good chances with breakaways, but the

Ogemaw Heights defenders stopped the attack before we could get a shot on goal," said Coach Langseth.

Grayling made an own goal trying to clear a crossing pass, and Ogemaw Heights added another goal in the second half to make the final score 4-0.

"I'm very proud of these young ladies. This is an inexperienced team playing in a conference against very experienced teams.

This takes a great deal of courage," said Coach Langseth.

Grayling has only five returning players on a roster of 23. Co-captain Ginther and Oliveira are the only two seniors on the team.

On Wednesday, April 21, Grayling will host another NEMC team, the Oscoda Owls. On Friday, April 23, the Vikings will head to Roscommon to take on the Bucks. Both games are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

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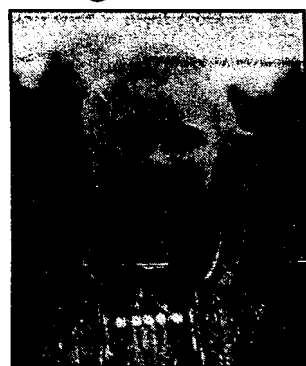


Varsity Boys Track
Coach: John Chott
KYLE MAPLES

Kyle is a first-year track participant. In Grayling's three-team meet on April 15 he placed 1st in long jump, ran a leg on the 2nd place 400 meter relay team, and was 5th in the 200 meter dash.

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Varsity Girls Track
Coach: Diane Isenhauer
KATIE BONNE

Katie did well in Grayling's first track meet of the season. She took first in the shot put and third in discus, despite the fact that she was sick.

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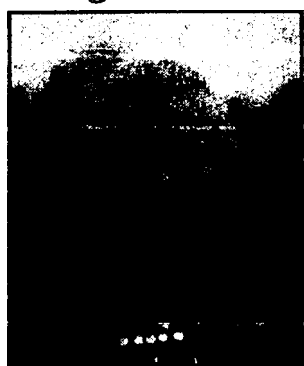
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Viking of the Week



Varsity Girls Soccer
Coach: Karen Langseth
KATIE BONNE

Katie, a Grayling High School junior, made 40 saves as goalkeeper for the Varsity Girls Soccer Team last week, including 22 against West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

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GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING

The Grayling Youth Bowling League held its annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 17, at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Over 200 trophies were given out, including 83 league trophies, 50 perfect attendance medals, 12 plaques, seven specialty awards, and three split medals.

The evening began with karaoke, which a few of the youth bowlers and parents participated in. The awards presentation followed.

After the distribution of awards, the crowd gathered in the cafeteria for dinner, and afterwards hit the dance floor.

Every bowler received at least one trophy, and others received several.

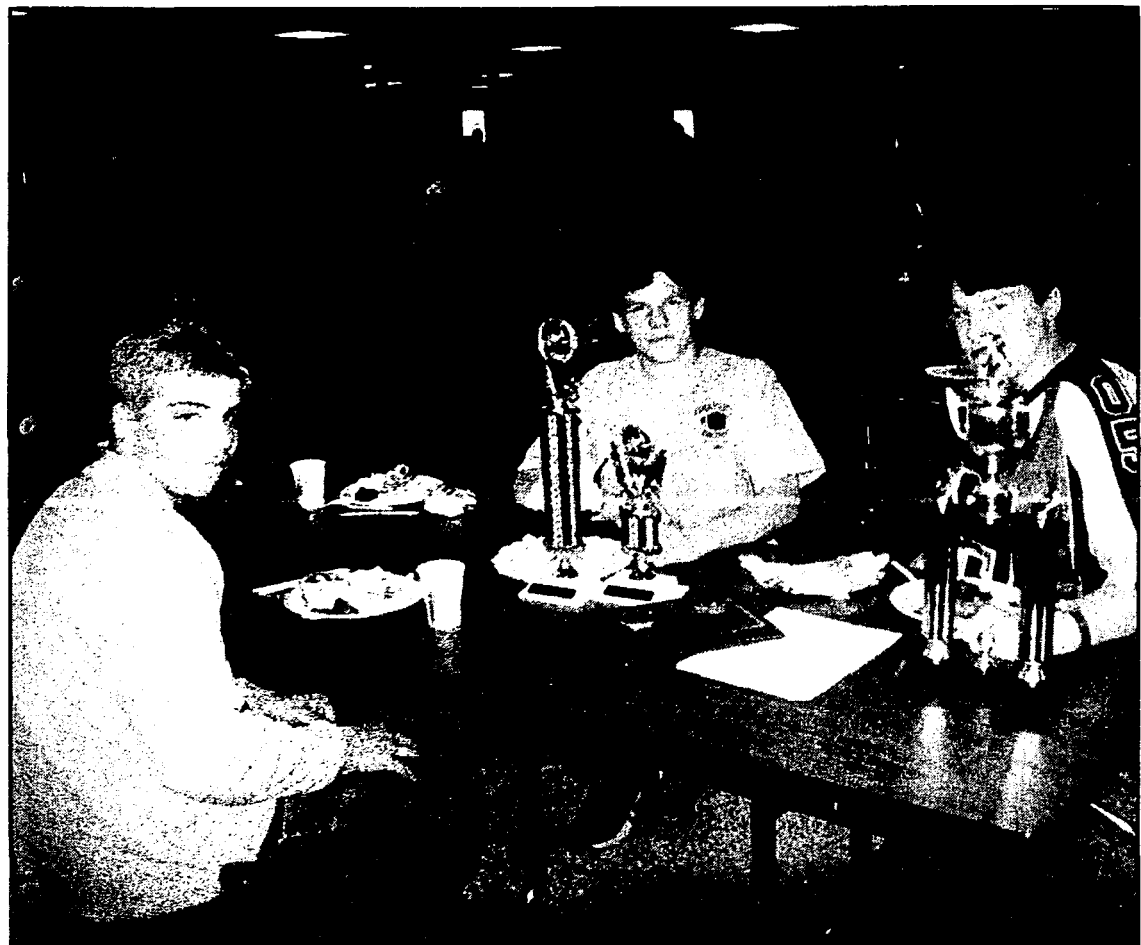
A few of the special awards included:

Specialty Award, Jessica Baker, for "always having a smile on her face."

200 Club: Krystel Davis, Steve Gildner, Mike Arwood, Travis LaMotte.

Split Awards: D.J. Canfield, 6-7-10 split; Glenn Cousins, 7-6 split; Chris Cerelli, 7-10 split.

Best Sportsperson (voted on by the bowlers) D.J. Canfield, Krystel Davis, Cody Davis, Tiffany Davis, Jim Janson, Jessica Baker.



DINNER TIME -- (left to right) Travis Lamotte, Jason Arwood, and Mike Arwood enjoy dinner after the Grayling Youth Bowling League awards ceremony.



ACCEPTING A TROPHY -- Rusty Strohpaal goes up on stage to get one of his trophies.



KARAOKE -- (left to right) Keith Louchart and D.J. Canfield sing along to a classic rock song by Kiss, "I wanna rock and roll all night..."

Bowling banquet photos by Caleb Casey



SINGING -- A young lady sings "I Want To Dance With Somebody" by Whitney Houston.

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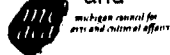
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Grayling Gus Macker brings fun, raises money

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One Booster Club member esti-

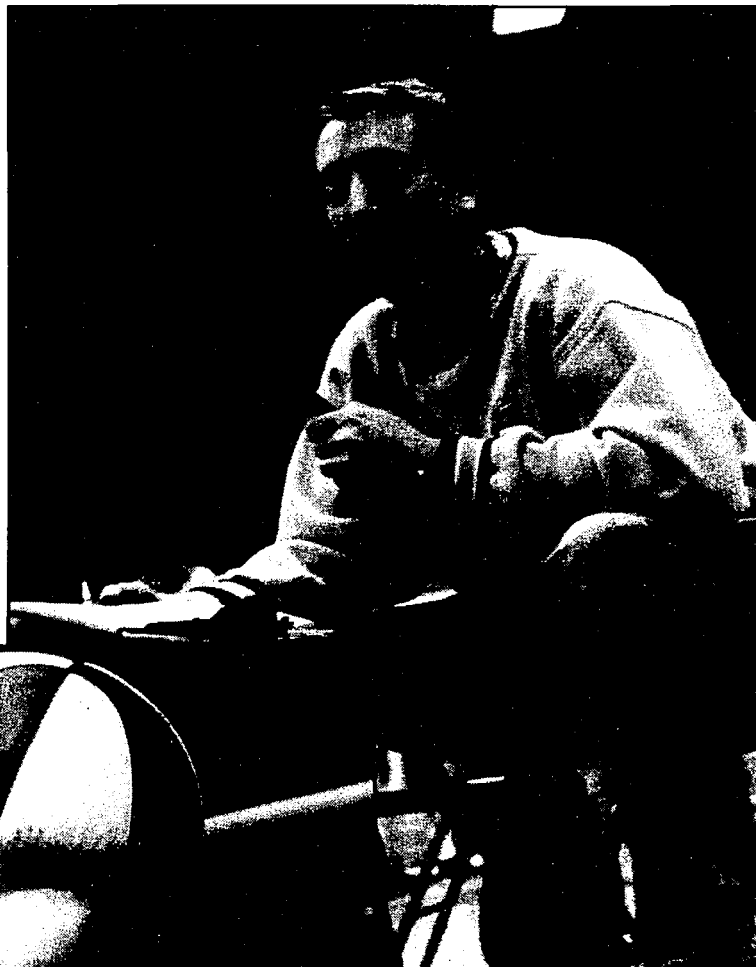
mated that the weekend tourney could net the Club \$8,500. All the money raised goes toward the support of youth-related programs in Crawford County. Other local, volunteer organizations made money by selling concessions at the three schools.



GUSBUSTERS -- Gus Busters (Gus Macker referees) Jimmy Parker (above) and Mike Shearer (left) keep order on the courts.



GO TEAM! -- Steve Czapek cheers for his son Roy's team at the Grayling Gus Macker last weekend.



CLOCK WATCHING -- Tom Trudgeon keeps track of time.



STOWING THE CASH -- Booster Club member Gloria Nielson shows where the money goes.

OUCH -- Gus Buster Ken Helsel gets hit in the head with a basketball at last weekend's Gus Macker.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Publication Notice Decedent's Estate

File No. 99-5974-SE
Estate of FRANCIS J. OLSZEWSKI,
375-50-2549.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or
affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on
Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the
probate courtroom, Crawford Probate,
Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter on the
petition of Yvonne Wilkinson requesting
Yvonne Wilkinson be appointed personal rep-
resentative of Francis J. Olszewski who lived
at 3573 Wintergreen Lane, Grayling,
Michigan and who died September 13, 1998.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that
all claims against the estate will be forever
barred unless presented to the (proposed) per-
sonal representative or to both the probate
court and the (proposed) personal representa-
tive within 4 months of the date of publica-
tion of this notice. Notice is further given
that the estate will then be assigned to enti-
tled persons appearing of record.

Date: April 13, 1999
Yvonne M. Wilkinson,
Personal Representative
20250 Empire
Taylor, Michigan 48180
(734) 374-0630

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 99-4760-CK (D)
Donald L. Ososki, Plaintiff vs Azucena
Kimber, d/b/a Frogie's Pub & Grub, Donald
O. Ewald and Mary Diane Ewald,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a
Judgment of the Circuit Court Clerk for the
County of Crawford, Michigan, dated March
25, 1999, directing the sale of the following-
described property, I shall offer the said prop-
erty for public sale to the highest bidder at the
front door of the Courthouse at 200 West
Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in
Crawford County, that being the place of
holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday,
May 19, 1999 at 11:30 a.m.

Parcel A: Part of the East 1/2 of the
Northeast 1/4 of Section 22 and part of the
West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23,
Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling
Township, Crawford County, Michigan.
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said
Section 22; thence South (along the Section
line), 1184.0 feet to the Point of Beginning;
thence South 72 degrees 00' E 56.6 feet to
the Westerly right of way of Wakeley Bridge
Road; thence South 7 degrees 20' W (along
said right of way), 115.0 feet; thence South
84 degrees 59' W, 84.40 feet; thence South 50
degrees 07' W, 91.20 feet to the Northeasterly

right of way of M-72; thence North 42
degrees 15' W (along the Northeasterly right
of way of M-72), 110.0 feet; thence North 33
degrees 42' E 175.0 feet; thence South 72
degrees 00' E 96.4 feet to the Point of
Beginning.

Date: 4/15/99
Richard F. Meyer, Jr.
Deputy Sheriff

David R. Sabin P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

-22-29-6-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting
to collect a debt. Any information we
obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by Andrew Decker and Della Decker, hus-
band and wife (original mortgagors) to
Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., Mortgagee,
dated September 19, 1997, and recorded on
November 19, 1997 in Liber 442, on Page 90,
Crawford County Records, Michigan, and
was assigned by said mortgagee to the IMC
Mortgage Company, as assignee by an
assignment dated March 9, 1999 which was
recorded on March 30, 1999, in Liber 477, on
Page 569, Crawford County Records, on
which mortgage there is claimed to be due at
the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-SIX
THOUSAND SIXTY-SIX AND 96/100 dol-
lars (\$26,066.96), including interest at
12.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given that said
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at
public venue, at the front door of the County
Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00
a.m., on May 26, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township
of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as:

Beginning at a point on the East and
West centerline 487 feet East of the
Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of
the Northwest 1/4; thence North 190 feet;
thence East 100 feet; thence South 190
feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of
beginning. Section 35, Township 28 North,
Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s)
from the date of such sale, unless determined
abandoned in accordance with 1948CL
600.3241a, in which case the redemption
period shall be 30 days from the date of such
sale.

Dated: April 15, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for IMC Mortgage Company
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 981212875
Ravens

-15-22-29-6-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates,
P.C. is a debt collector attempting to
collect a debt and any information we
obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been
made in the conditions of a mortgage made
by ANTHONY PIZZI, a single man to North
American Mortgage Company, A Delaware
Corporation Mortgagee, dated December 29,
1995 and recorded on January 19, 1996, in
Liber 406, on page 82, Crawford County
Records, Michigan, and assigned by said
mortgagee to Citicorp Mortgage, Inc., a
Delaware Corporation by an assignment
dated August 5, 1998, and recorded on
September 23, 1998, in Liber 463, on page
355, Crawford County Records, Michigan,
on which mortgage there is claimed to be due
at the date hereof the sum of thirty one thou-
sand twenty one and 79/100 Dollars
(\$31,021.79), including interest at 8.250%
per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said
mortgage and the statute in such case made

and approved, notice is hereby given that said
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at
public venue, at the front door of County
Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 a.m. on May
5, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and
are described as:

The west 70 feet of Lot 1 and the North-
easterly 4 feet of Lot 12, Block 20, Original
Plat of the Village (now City) Grayling,
according to the plat there as recorded in
Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County
Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless determined
abandoned in accordance with 1948CL
600.3241a, in which case the redemption
period shall be 30 days from the date of such
sale.

Dated: March 25, 1999
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee
ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

-25-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Order to Answer

File No. 99-025-LT
Jerry M. Krays and Sheila Krays, hus-
band and wife, Plaintiffs

R. David Crocker and Kathy R. Crocker,
husband and wife, Defendants.

TO: R. David Crocker and Kathy R.
Crocker:

1. An action has been filed against you
regarding certain real estate in Crawford
County.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file
your answer with this Court and serve it upon
the attorney for the Plaintiffs, or take such
other action as may be permitted by law,
within twenty-eight (28) days of the last pub-
lication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may
result in a judgment by default against you
for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a
copy of this Order be published once each
week for three consecutive weeks in
Crawford County, Michigan, the county in
which certain real estate in this action is
located.

Honorable John G. Hunter
District Court Judge
Dated: March 23, 1999

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
by: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232

-22-29-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD
ESTATE OF DONALD V. GROSS,
DECEASED

BY CHERYL M. ROTH, INDEPENDENT
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
PLAINTIFF

VS

JANET YARGER and CAROL HOBART

FILE NO. 99 007 CK

ORDER TO ANSWER

TO: JANET YARGER, DEFENDANT

YOU ARE BEING SUED by the Plaintiff
in this Court regarding a Complaint to Quiet
Title. You must file your Answer or take
other action permitted by law in the Probate
Court at 200 West Michigan Avenue,
Grayling, Michigan 49738 on or before April
28, 1999. If you fail to do so, a default judg-
ment may be entered against you for the
relief demanded in the complaint filed in this
case.

Dated: March 24, 1999
David R. Sabin, P19822
Attorney for Plaintiff
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until
10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday,
April 29, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O.
Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements
of the following materials and/or items:

- Aggregates - F.O.B. Supplies Pit
- Corrugated Plastic Pipe
- Corrugated Metal Pipe
- Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
- Pavement Striping

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation
specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the
undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the
Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must
be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informal-
ities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of
Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-8-15-22

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 1999

The Regular Board Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynnette Corlew, at 9:37 a.m. in the County Building on March 24, 1999.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golnick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee

Absent: None
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present
Paul Compo - County Controller - Present
There were also other visitors present.

--Approved the Minutes for the February 17, 1999 Board Meeting as presented.

--Approved the report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund - mileage and per diem for Duran, per diem for Leonard, including prepaid vouchers; March 12, 1999 open invoice report in the amount of \$247,982.80; DARE - Prepaid invoices in the amount of \$60,398; Environmental Control Fund - mileage for Merrill \$219.77; Marriage Counseling Fund - \$149.50.

--Requested the County Controller review the budget to seek \$250 for RC&D membership dues.

--Authorize registration fees in the amount of \$40 each be approved for up to four persons to attend the MSC Extension/MAC sponsored Budgeting and Finance Spring Workshop.

--Submitted a letter to the Chief Circuit Judge stating the County recognizes the court recorder/secretary position is not a County general fund position and that employees working for the Courts are in fact Court Employees.

--Accepted Dunn's Office Supply bid in the amount of \$7,453.86 for the counties annual office supply order.

--Amend the agenda to allow Prosecutor Huss to present the Drain Commission issue.

--Changed the present Drain Commission duties from the Road Commission for Crawford County to Pat Merrill as a non paid acting temporary position with training. To advertise for the position.

--Placed the Drain Commissioner position on the ballot at the next election.

--Endorsed Riverhouse Shelters efforts and authorize the Chairperson to sign the grant application for C.O.O.R. Housing Coalition Continuum of Care.

--Rescinded the two previous motions for an acting Drain Commissioner and request a legal opinion from the Prosecutor.

--Requested a meeting with CPA Marvin Henderson to review the Financial Audit Report for the year ending September 30, 1998.

--Created an Automated Systems Task Force for Crawford County comprised of up to six members including the Controller, MIS Director, Commissioners, Computer Experts and Citizens at large.

--County will continue to advance District Health Department No. 10 in answer to their February 12, 1999 request for fifty percent of the appropriation for 1999 due to the county's own financial status.

--Requested an opinion be obtained from the Prosecuting Attorney relative to the legality of the amount of per diem being paid to members of various boards and committees following the action taken by the Board in 1998 to eliminate per diem for County Commissioners.

--Approved the salary requested for the position change to Secretary/Recorder that was established by the Judge as it is within their budget.

--Allowed Housing Director, Sandra Brody to present the MSHDA grant application.

--Authorized the Chairperson to enter into the Grant Application with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Resource Fund as presented by Housing Director, Sandra Brody.

--Accented correspondence as presented.

--Proceeded with the temporary wall in the jury room and request the BOCA code section of the law that provides for a full size

temporary wall from the Building & Zoning Director.

--Rescind the motion for the temporary wall.

--Requesting a recommendation from the Building Authority and the Courts for a permanent solution with Court space and funding and to further indicate the Board wishes to convert the Commissioner's office to the Prosecutor and leave the Law library where it presently is.

--Authorized the purchase of four (4) back up batteries at \$108 each to be taken from the equipment repair line item at Central Dispatch.

--Amend the budget for RC&D 1999 annual dues by removing \$250 from line item 101-223-703.01 to RC&D line item 101-280-969.02.

--Authorized the Chairperson to execute the Grant Application for Liquor Tax Funding through the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Service for the 4-H Program Assistant position.

--Drafted a policy that prevents future retirees from receiving BC/BS Health Insurance or future benefits that they are not otherwise entitled to.

--Adopt the Resolution to Borrow against Anticipated Delinquent 1998 Real Property Taxes in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 as submitted by County Treasurer Wakeley.

--Enter into the Resolution of Agency Pursuant to Section 87c of Act 206 as presented by Treasurer Wakeley.

--Adopt the Depository and Investment Resolution for Crawford County as presented by Treasurer Wakeley.

--Adopt the Investment policy for the County of Crawford as required by Public Act 20 of 1943 as amended and presented by Treasurer Wakeley.

--Send Bookkeeper Dunkel and County Controller Compo to the MAC 1999 Workers Compensation Seminar, Tuesday, April 27, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marsh Ridge Resort in Gaylord at no cost to the County.

--Allowed County Department Heads to replace positions temporarily within their budgetary line item.

--Request the Prosecutor render an opinion as to the Counties obligation with the New World maintenance program contract.

--Authorize the Chairperson to execute the following grant applications: DARE; Juvenile Violence Prevention Officer; Computer Technology.

--Submitted a letter to the U.S. Census Monitoring Board requesting State and Local Governments continue to review neighborhood counts before finalization.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

The next full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 29th day of March, 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Brown, Palmer, Ruddy.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Laurie Figley, Paul Compo, Lynnette Corlew, Jill Wyman, Dave Wyman, Nancy Hunt, Russell Stevens, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Loren Goodale, Jim Carmean, Donna Carmean, Caleb Casey, Sandra Brody, Nancy Cinciala, Cyndie Ludwick, Betty Bennett, Linda Stephens, Cora Flowers, Nancy Cox, Carolyn DiPonio, Susan Bateson, Tina Hamilton, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, John Cammin, Karl VanderVier, Bill Gannon, Gail Madsen, Dennis Palmer, Paula Edlund, Ron Edlund, Lanice Rutter, Monte Burmeister, Clare Madsen, Dave Sabin, Joe Wakeley, Terry Dickinson, John Czarnecki, Dave Stephenson, Anh Stephenson, Roger Moshier, Lynn Chen, Jim Briney, Kathy

Bourrie, Steve Southard, Dan Elliott and Susan Wyngaarden.

99-29

Moved by Ruddy, supported by Golnick that the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Ms. Brown didn't think the special minutes of March 15, 1999 had pertinent information such as boundaries to be set and schedules to met to be ready for the March 29, 1999 meeting and April 26, 1999 Public Hearing.

99-30

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the minutes of the special meeting of March 15, 1999 be tabled for approval at the April 12, 1999 regular meeting of the City Council. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None

Communications were received and noted.

a. Fire Dept. reports of January 1999 and February 1999.

b. City Housing Commission Minutes of February 9, 1999.

c. Finance Report for February 1999.

Old Business.

a. Award of 1999 Sidewalk Project to Hunt Bros. Inc.

99-31

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy to award Part I of the Sidewalk Project for 1999 to Hunt Bros. Poured Walls Inc. in the amount of \$274,270.40 exempting the North Down River Road project (Part 2). Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Payment of Invoice of Richards & Assoc. for Pre-Contract work in the amount of \$8,863.81.

99-32

Moved by Brown, supported by Palmer that the invoice from Richards & Assoc. in the amount of \$8,863.81 be paid for Pre-contract work on the 1999 Sidewalk Project. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business.

a. Liquor License transfer request (Sawmill).

99-33

Moved by Brown, supported by Palmer that the liquor license transfer request be approved to transfer from Dale M. Nielson to Minard J. & Paula J. Harwood On-Premise Licenses. Ayes: 3, Nays: 1 (Ruddy), Absent: 0, Abstain: 1 (Golnick), motion carried.

b. DDA Formation Discussion, approximately 8 p.m. Speakers are Dan Elliott, John Czarnecki and Susan Wyngaarden.

John Czarnecki spoke to Council and the audience regarding technical information on the formation of a DDA. He spoke of the beginning of DDA's in 1975 and Proposal A in 1995. Two critical elements for a DDA are Why you Want to Create a DDA and What are the Boundaries. Council can levy 2 mills on the established boundaries. Questions were asked regarding who makes up the DDA Board and the role the Board plays. The DDA Board, when established, takes a lot of time to develop. Bond Council and Attorney play a very important part and Council should feel comfortable about the boundaries they choose.

Susan Wyngaarden and Dan Elliott answered questions and comments on the legal procedure of DDA bonds. They feel there is no urgency at this time as we cannot meet the deadline of the 4th Monday in May of this year but should have no trouble meeting the deadline of the 4th Monday in the year 2000. Lots of issues to be discussed and settled before a Public Hearing, notices to be sent, boundaries to be established, who is going to be involved in the DDA such as the schools, COOR, Kirtland, County, Crawford County Transportation Authority, Commission on Aging, Recreation Authority, and the City. These entities have 60 days to opt out of participating in a DDA and must be in a resolution to the City Clerk.

Much discussion was held on what money would be available once the DDA is estab-

lished. A lot of emphasis was made on doing it right the first time, taking time to organize, comparing other communities, reading the Master Plan and Council and the Community feeling comfortable with the process.

The three speakers all recommended that the Public Hearing be postponed until May 24, 1999 to give the council and the community more time to get everything in order and to prepare for a Public Hearing.

99-34

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to amend the original schedule by making the Public Hearing on April 26, 1999 a general information meeting and move the Public Hearing to May 24, 1999.

Ayes: Brown, Golnick, Stevens, Palmer, Ruddy.

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion carried.

A Committee was established of Dave Wyman, Jim Briney, Kathy Bourrie, Ernie Dawson, Jerry Morford, Ralph Stevens, Marilyn Palmer, Bob Bovee and Joe Wakeley to meet regarding a DDA District for information to bring back to Council.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager. None.

Reports of Council Members. None.

Adjournment.

99-35

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 15th day of March, 1999

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Brown, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Terry McGregor, Skyllyn Palmer, Dennis Palmer, Ann Stephenson, Dave Stephenson, Roger Moshier, Russell Stevens, Bill Coy, Jamie Greer, Linda Stephens, Betty Bennett, Lanice Rutter, Kathy Bourrie, Jim Briney, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, John Cherven, Paul Ludwick, Cyndie Ludwick, Caleb Casey, Ernie Dawson, Lee Tompkins, Paul Compo, Joe Wakeley, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Terry Wright, Bill Gannon, Terry Dickinson, Jim Golden, Deb Golden, Lynnette Corlew, Carolyn DiPonio, Susan Bateson.

This special meeting was called for general discussion of forming a DDA in the City of Grayling. Mayor Stevens suggested that the audience and Council break into five small groups to discuss the pros and cons of establishing a DDA and to bring back input for general discussion. The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Council and the audience then discussed three questions:

1. What are the best things about business in Grayling?

2. What are the things that most distract from business success in Grayling?

3. Who is not here today that should be involved in planning for the future success of business development in Grayling?

After much discussion it was decided that the boundaries could be set and schedules met at the March 29, 1999 meeting to be ready for the Public Hearing April 26, 1999.

99-27

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick

to defer any action until the March 29, 1999 Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Ayes: Golnick, Brown, Stevens, Ruddy.

Nays: Palmer.

Absent: None.

Motion carried.

99-28

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Order for Alternative Service

File No. 99-4768-CH(M)

Daniel K. VanMaele, Plaintiff

vs
Michael R. Dodyk, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 22 day of March, 1999.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY/CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

THE COURT having considered the Plaintiff's Motion for Alternative Service, and being persuaded of the necessity for Alternative Service, NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Defendant in this matter, MICHAEL R. DODYK, is hereby to be served by way of posting upon the property located within Crawford County, Michigan and by Notice through publication in the Crawford County Avalanche.

Said publication shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANT, MICHAEL R. DODYK:

1. You are being sued under a COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE within the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. THAT an ANSWER needs to be filed within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action permitted by law or court rules must be taken.

3. THAT a failure to ANSWER or to take other action will result in a default and default judgment being enforced against the Defendant, MICHAEL R. DODYK.

HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

TERRENCE H. BLOOMQUIST P 10903
BLOOMQUIST & ASSOCIATES

Attorney for Plaintiffs
306 State St. P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-6141

-22-29-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CRAWFORD To the Owner or Owners of

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Crawford AuSable School District provides free and appropriate public special education programs and services to all individuals with disabilities under the age of twenty-six. If you know of a child who may need special education programming, please contact your local school district representative. You may be asked by the school representative to bring your child to school for an interview and schedule evaluation services.

Assistance will be provided by the person(s) listed below:

Crawford AuSable Schools
All Preschool Age Children - Ms. Mary Ann Reynolds (517) 348-7641

AuSable Primary School
Ms. Barbara Mick (517) 348-7641

Frederic Elementary School Age Children
Mr. Melvin (Pat) Nunn (517) 348-7641

Grayling Elementary School Age Children
Ms. Judy Bonne (517) 348-7641

Grayling Middle School Age Children
Mr. Michael Branch (517) 348-7641

Grayling High School Age Students
Ms. Judy Gorski (517) 348-7641

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 29, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before June 25, 1999:

10,000 ton @ Kolka Creek Gravel Pit: T28N, R4W, N1/2 of Section 15, Frederic Township.

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of Section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-8-15-22

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Road Commission for Crawford County C.R. 612 Over N. Branch AuSable River Bridge Rail and Approach Guardrail Repairs

Crawford County
Grayling, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commissions offices, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, until 10 A.M. local time, April 29, 1999 for bridge rail and guardrail construction services.

The project consists of removal and replacement of 100 LFT of Bridge Railing, Guardrail Type; removal and replacement of 4 ea. Guardrail Anchorage-Bridge, Nested Type; removal and replacement of 150 LFT of Galvanized Beam Guardrail, Type B; removal and replacement of 4 ea. Guardrail Approach Terminals; and installation of 28 reflectorized washers.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of the Road Commission for Crawford County, and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Designed Group, Inc., 480 West Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan, 49770, (616)348-1180. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$15.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

Road Commission for Crawford County
Donald Babcock, Managing Director

NOTICE

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

A recent vacancy on the Board of Review Board needs to be filled. Any qualified electors, landowners or taxpayers interested in filling out the rest of this 2 year term can contact the Lovells Township Hall at 348-9215 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

-22-29

A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Notice 1.

The Frederic Township Board of Trustees, will be changing it's regular meeting of May 4, 1999, to May 11, 1999, at 7 p.m. to be held at the Frederic Township Hall located at 7564 Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733.

Notice 2.

As of May 26, 1999, the following policies for trash service will be strictly applied.

1. No loose garbage in cans will be picked up.
2. A maximum of 5 bags per household per week will be picked up.
3. A maximum weight of 20 pounds per bag. Those weighing more will not be picked up.
4. No longer will the township be able to pick up large items.
5. Large items may be taken to the Frederic Township Hall on Thursdays and Sundays from the hours of 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Note: Items not fitting the above criteria will not be picked up.

Notice 3.

The Frederic Township Zoning Board will be holding a public hearing on May 6, 1999, at 7 p.m. The purpose will be to discuss plans for a Natural River District for the Manistee River system within the township of Frederic. The meeting will be held at the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733.

Nancy Bindschattel
Township Clerk

-22-29

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 25-May 1

- ARIES**
March 21-April 20

This would be a perfect weekend for a getaway close to home. Try a cabin a few miles away, something on the water, or how about that hotel that just opened? The excitement of planning the getaway will make work seem like a distant dream.
- TAURUS**
April 21-May 21

If situations are brewing at home that are uncomfortable, it's important to keep your cool and remain focused. Your control will be the turning point for others in the household. Remember to thank a special friend for helping you.
- GEMINI**
May 22-June 21

You'll be busy this week working on neighborhood events. Enjoy the time with neighbors and friends, and don't let an overbearing individual ruin it for everyone. Check out an investment possibility with the help of a financial adviser.
- CANCER**
June 22-July 22

Don't let a strange dream spoil your week. Try to stay flexible even though your activities and responsibilities increase and your schedule becomes more crowded. Be ready for some big changes and learn to work with them.
- LEO**
July 23-August 23

When an old friend you have not heard from in awhile contacts you, it may not be so good. He/she is not out to renew a friendship. Keep an open mind at work this week. It could mean the difference between the same old routine and an exciting new possibility.
- VIRGO**
August 24-September 22

Rely on advice from an old friend of the family. This week a close relative will be really depending on you for some help. Don't turn away, even if you can't fit the person in your busy schedule. Don't go overboard with a special event for a friend.
- LIBRA**
September 23-October 23

Working around a stubborn person will take a lot of your energy this week. Try not to blow your cool. Instead, focus on having a great weekend with someone you enjoy being with. By next week, the atmosphere at work will be a lot better.
- SCORPIO**
October 24-November 22

Be very careful at work this week. Someone is watching you and your coworkers. Don't stand around talking unless it's about a project or work problem. It could mean real trouble for you. Don't jump to conclusions concerning a message.
- SAGITTARIUS**
November 23-December 21

This week at home will not be smooth. You cannot count on getting your projects completed like you wanted. Hopefully, you will work out the problems before the weekend. But make sure you don't take it out on your coworkers.
- CAPRICORN**
December 22-January 20

A casual relationship might change, and it will be for the better. Be open to new thoughts and ideas at home, work and in the romance department. Jump at a great opportunity. It's a way to improve your life.
- AQUARIUS**
January 21-February 18

Be happy for a friend and his/her spouse who have found the home of their dreams. Don't envy them their happiness. Make sure you find them a housewarming gift that is creative, nice and thoughtful. Their happiness will make you feel great.
- PISCES**
February 19-March 20

Time is of the essence this week. Don't waste it. Your plans for a close friend will probably fall through. Plan something for the future and make it even better. Remember an important meeting is coming up at work. Be prepared for it.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Apple Oatmeal Pancake

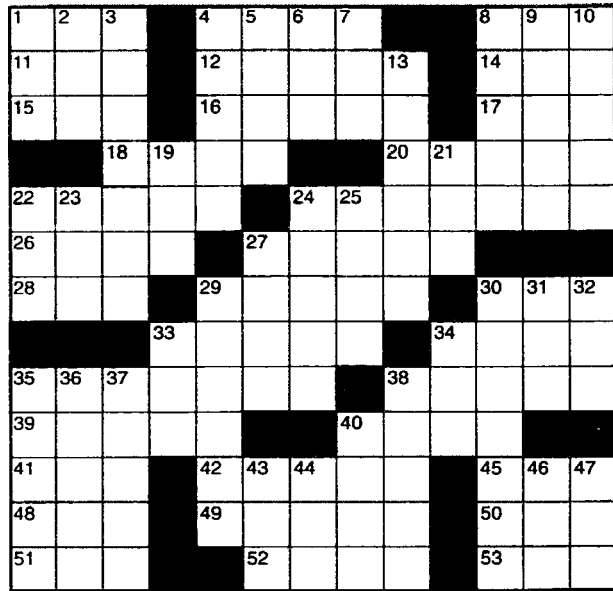
- Vegetable oil spray
1 tbsp. acceptable margarine
1/3 cup uncooked quick-cooking oatmeal
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. light brown sugar
1 cup fat-free milk
egg substitute equivalent to 6 eggs
1 tbsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. light brown sugar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
3 large apples (1 1/2 lbs.)
1 tbsp. light margarine
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Preheat oven to 425 F. Spray a 13x9x2 inch pan with vegetable oil spray. Melt 1 tbsp. margarine in pan. In a food processor or blender, process oatmeal, flour and 1 tbsp. brown sugar until smooth. Add milk, egg substitute, vanilla, 1 tsp. cinnamon and salt. Process until smooth. Pour into hot pan. Bake for 25 minutes. In a small bowl, combine 2 tbsp. brown sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, peel, core and slice apples. Melt 1 tbsp. margarine in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add apples, stirring with rubber scraper to prevent breaking. Sprinkle with brown sugar mixture. Cook covered over medium heat for 7 to 8 minutes. To serve, cut pancake into 6 pieces and place on individual plates. Stir lemon juice into apple mixture and spoon over each portion. Serves 6.



HOME NEEDED - Candy is a 2 year old female. She is good with kids and is house broken. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- "___ Lazy River" (2 wds.)
- Canine mothers
- Unaffiliated voter: abbr.
- ___ pedal
- Open
- Aussie animal
- ___ Pinafore
- Turner, to the United Nations
- From ___ Z (2 wds.)
- Egyptian sun god
- Say
- Thickens
- Envelope info
- Courageous
- Benchmark
- Distress message
- Door-slamming drama
- ___ stand-still (2 wds.)
- Before house or light
- Vendetta
- Craftsman
- Linzner ___ (pastry)
- Glee
- Vamoose!
- Wind dir.
- Post or Dickinson
- Life: prefix
- Born
- Common fabric at The Gap
- Journalist Tarbell
- Physicians: abbr.
- Highest point
- Army bed

DOWN

- Yuck!
- Mrs. North of mysteries
- Assaults
- Nincompoops
- Cosmetics company
- Big boys
- Broadway letters
- Mad
- Observes
- "Riders On The Storm" group
- Walk with leaden feet
- A Kennedy
- Three, in Roma
- "Nova" network
- Bathroom, in Britain
- Ruth's successor
- Air passage
- Inaugural ball, e.g.
- Looked for trout
- Requiring oxygen
- Rebuke's sound
- Citrus drink
- ___ viper
- Egg ___ yung
- Rephrase
- Step part
- Arbor units
- Fragrant herb
- Thin
- ___ culpa
- Corporate abbr.
- Words at a wedding
- Granola grain

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 22, 1976

The Frederic Business Association is sponsoring its Annual Trout Contest on the opening day of fishing season. This year's trout contest headquarters is Newberry's General Store and Gas Station.

Billed as the nation's most famous rustic event the Kalkaska Trout Festival is expected to attract thousands of fishing enthusiasts and their families for the opening of trout season.

A new class for the Fred Bear Sporting Goods Marketing Institute arrived in Grayling Monday. The Headmaster of the Institute is Frank Scott of Grayling.

The Board of Directors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce declared the period April 12 to May 15 as Operation Minuteman 76 to honor all members of the Michigan Army National Guard in the Grayling Area for their faithful and dedicated service to this community, the State of Michigan and the nation.

Airman Douglas E. Hinkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Hinkle, has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force aircraft equipment maintenance field at Chanute AFB, Illinois.

We would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrooke on their 49th wedding anniversary which was April 18.

The Albert Kesteloot family were pleased to have a telephone call on Friday from their son, MM3 Mark Kesteloot, who is stationed with the Navy at Long Beach California.

The following have returned home after spending the winter in the south: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schatte, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Caid, and Henry Goulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan

returned April 12 from their winter in Lakeland, Fla.

46 Years Ago April 23, 1953

Robert W. Strong, editor and publisher of the Crawford County Avalanche, was elected president of the Northern Michigan Weekly Newspaper Association at a meeting held at Harrisville last Friday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Springs on April 15. He was named Donald Lee.

Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielsen spent the weekend in Pontiac visiting the Harvey Wheeler family. The latter were formerly of Grayling.

Duane Sloan who has been employed in Flint has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sloan, at Lake Margrethe, and is employed with the Michigan National Guard.

Harvey Rowland, T. P. Peterson and Roy Milnes spent Tuesday evening in Saginaw where they attended a lumber dealers meeting.

Nancy Hoesli, of Grayling, a student at Central Michigan College in Mt. Pleasant, will be a model in the annual spring style show to be held in the auditorium at the college this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng were home from Traverse City on Wednesday last.

69 Years Ago April 24, 1930

Fire completely destroyed the Masonic Temple and Rialto Theatre Saturday evening while a performance was being given. It developed from the catching on fire of a film in the projecting room and spread so rapidly that it was impossible to check it. All of the property of Grayling Lodge, F. & A.M. and Grayling Chapter O.E.S. was lost in

the flames. Arthur Denewett, chief operator and Arthur VanDevere were operating the machine. George N. Olson is the owner of the theatre.

Conservation officer Rueben S. Babbitt, famous as a scout and guide has written of some of the early history of Crawford County for the sixth grade, which is very interesting.

Fr. Joseph Herr of Detroit is at his cabin on the AuSable getting things ready for the opening of Trout fishing season.

Bandmaster Ed Clark and the members of the band are hoping that some method of financing that organization may be devised whereby they will be able to continue. Will somebody pass the hat? We are sure the response will be generous.

The student nurses of Mercy Hospital gave Miss Irene McKay, supervisor of the hospital, a surprise party Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy May.

Grayling American Legion Post members are enjoying a new Majestic combination radio and phonograph.

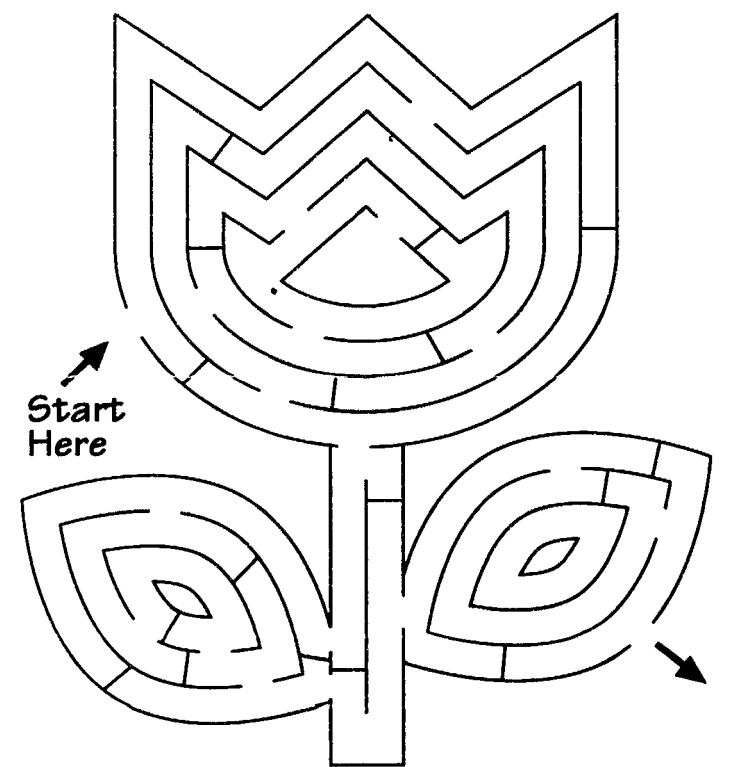
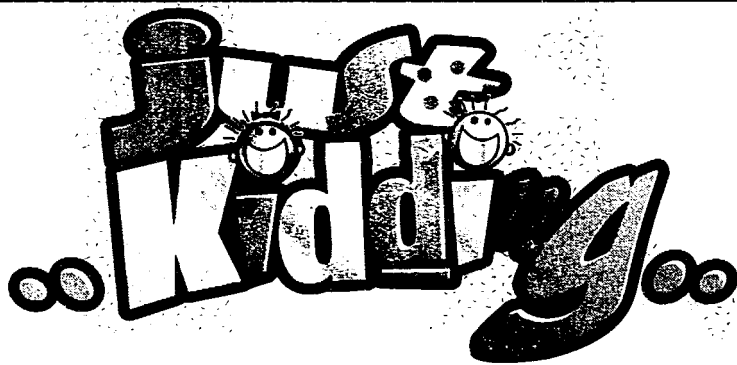
92 Years Ago April 25, 1907

Dr. Montgomery has just brought home a 16 horsepower traction engine for use on his Beaver Creek farm. He will cut an immense amount of wood besides doing his threshing, husking, etc.

The stork left a bright-eyed boy at the home of Herbert Knibbs of Maple Forest on the 12th.

Miss Effie Sherman of Maple Forest will teach the Cheney school this spring.

Sheriff Amidon received a telegram from Roscommon a few nights ago that a man from there was wanted and before morning he had him. Bessie Ayers has left school and is teaching in the Ingerson School.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 A.M.	Rain
4/14	61	27	35	
4/15	65	29	31	
4/16	62	31	39	
4/17	50	37	39	
4/18	51	34	34	
4/19	44	34	35	
4/20	46	22	28	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Thursday - chance of rain showers, high in the upper 50's to lower 60's.
Friday - dry, low in the low to mid 30's, high 55 to 60. Saturday - chance of rain showers, low in the low to mid 30's, high in the low to mid 50's.

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1. Real Estate

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE Fly fisher/canoist dream. Cute four bedroom home on 1/4 acres, 1/4 mile from Mason Tract. Premier fly fishing on South Branch of AuSable, 9702 Chase Bridge Road. Open Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Diane Pompe at Coldwell (800) 950-7890. (-22/1)

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1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

AUSABLE MAINSTREAM ACREAGE Terrific riverfront building property could be divided. Good investment possibilities. Hal, broker (517) 348-5965 (4/22/99tf/1)

NEW AUSABLE ACRES Six acres. 600' riverfront. Electricity. High and dry. Very private. Good price and terms. Hal, broker (517) 348-5965 (4/22/99tf/1)

BY OWNER 2,200 sq. feet, four bedroom brick ranch on river. Two miles from town. \$165,000 (517) 348-2928 (-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Log home association development. Electric, cable, park, 1/2 acre building sites starting at \$10,500. ACA (517) 348-7355. (4/22/99tf/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER About one acre 145' by 200' Manistee River Road off M-72 West. White Pines Estate. 1-517-348-4981 (-22-29/1)

2. For Rent

NEW HOME Three bedroom, two bath furnished, swimming pool and clubhouse. Lease or month-to-month. \$600 per month plus deposit. (248) 666-2015. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040, rent is based on income for two person household. A barrier free unit is also available. Call Vicky at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by Rural Development (021502010) (3/19/98tf/2)

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM duplex, close to town, utilities included. \$335 a month plus security deposit. References required, no pets. (517) 348-8386. (-15-22/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM with shed \$350 month. Security deposit required. References required, no pets. (517) 348-8386 (-22-29-6-13/2)

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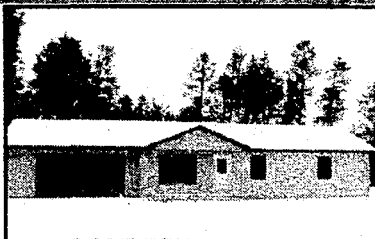
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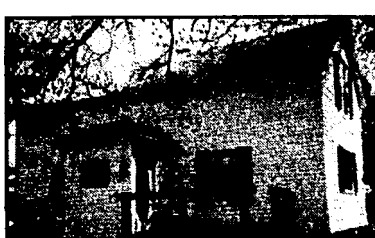
MANISTEE RIVER WOODS, adjoins private park, also private park on Manistee River. New builders spec home. Amenities include 2x6 sidewall construction, oak kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors in kitchen and sliding glass door. Wood interior windows. Vinyl exterior. L.P. gas HWB/B. 1,288 sq. ft. 24x26 garage. \$89,900 CH-918



GOOD THINGS DO COME IN SMALL PACKAGES! This is one of them! 800 sq. ft. with natural gas heat. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, fenced yard, 8x10 deck, 12x20 garage. Well maintained and immediate occupancy! \$44,500 CS-861



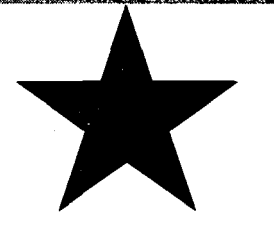
SECLUDED 10 ACRES. Beautiful rolling hardwoods makes for ideal year round setting. Immaculate 1991 mobile with expando. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and some furnishings. 14'x20' living room, vaulted ceilings, 1,100 sq. ft., (2) 12'x14' bedrooms. Call today! \$45,000 CH-947



RECENTLY REMODELED HOME IN THE CITY. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1,400 sq. ft., formal dining room, new oak cabinets and counter in kitchen, new floor covering, new bathroom vanity, tub and shower. New plumbing, new vinyl siding and windows. 2 enclosed porches, new entry doors. Basement with laundry area. Large lot close to schools, churches and shopping. \$66,500 CS-944



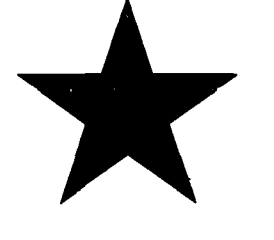
BEAUTIFUL WOODED PARCEL IN SHERWOOD FOREST. Fenced backyard, large screen porch, blacktop circle drive, 9x24 breezeway. Bow window in living room. Three bedroom ideal family home requiring some repairs. Home/Property to be sold "As Is" condition. Excellent Opportunity! \$84,900 CH-952



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NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. \$89,500 CS-837



LOCATION FOR HUNTING, FISHING & CAMPING. Very close to North Branch AuSable and Chippewa Lake and thousands of acres of State land. Neat and clean 2 bedroom cottage fronting on county blacktop road. \$32,500 CH-955



LOCATION SAYS EVERYTHING! 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft., recently remodeled with new better carpet in family room. Family room offers a beautiful brick fireplace & walk out patio doors onto a cement patio to expand leisure activities to the out of doors. Oak parquet floors in living room & hallway. Mud room between entry & attached garage. Exterior of home recently painted. New well pump. Fully fenced back yard. Partial basement. Appliances include stove & refrigerator. \$52,500 CS-949



SPACIOUS COUNTRY HOME. 283 Pere Cheney Road. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. New vinyl siding, split rail and privacy fence, vinyl thermo replacement windows, new roof and recent furnace. Natural gas is available, 3 car insulated and heated garage. Blacktop drive and apron. 1,660 sq. ft. \$68,900 CH-917



228' ON THE FAMOUS MANISTEE RIVER. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath with full finished basement with family room. Central air. New sunroom with view of gorgeous Manistee Riverfront. Leaded glass herringbone window in master bath along with 3 closets. Large Anderson windows for maximum view. Wood-paneled hallway circling the outside of house leading to river. Appliances include refrigerator, stove, Magic Chef washer & dryer. Attached 2 car finished garage. Also includes 2 storage sheds with above storage, electric and water. \$179,900 CS-958

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING on M-72 just E. of Grayling, 5 overhead doors. Ideal for a bump shop or auto repair. Cycloned fenced in area, 50x100. 4.4 acres 195x960. \$175,000 (FS-1204)



ROOM TO ROAM Six bedroom home with 2 baths, 30x36 pole barn, garage and a small guest house or workshop. 10 acres adjoining state land (adjoining 10 acres also available). \$127,900 Reduced to \$117,900 (DL-1094)



NEWLY REMODELED 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly drywall, 6" insulated walls, track and spotlights. Internal stereo system. \$35,000 (JW-1015)



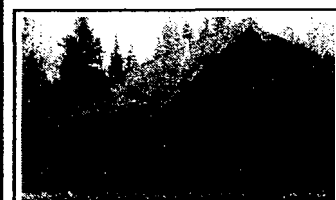
EXCELLENT CONDITION. 2 bedroom mobile home. Features vaulted ceilings, newer better carpet throughout, textured wallpaper, very clean! All appliances are included, mini satellite dish, gazebo, double insulated roof over 2 car garage on 1.39 acres of hard woods. \$39,900 (KM-121)



FIELDSTONE & CEDAR SIDED HOME. With view of Lake Margrethe, sun room, central air, oak staircases, central vac, Bruce wood flooring, solid pine doors, sauna room, heated tile jet tub room, insulated, heated garage bonus room, fieldstone fireplace and chimney, landscaping and so much more! A must see. \$245,000 (JW/SIW-1230)



CHARMING SECLUDED NEW HOME sits on a square 10 acre wooded parcel. Totally furnished with all the appliances, furniture, tv/stereo, futon woodstove, outbuildings and 2 picnic tables. Less than 10 miles from town. \$98,000 (DM-1200)



72+ ACRES, including large spring-fed pond that feeds Manistee Lake, with 1,400 sq. ft. log cabin will make a great retreat. Too many custom features to list including 24x32 heated pole barn. \$225,000 (LJ-1118)



ATTENTION HUNTERS AND SNOWMOBILERS! 15 acre parcel adjoining state land. Two cabins share a well, no septic, electricity has been updated. Wood and oil heat, one cabin is log construction with knotty pine interior. \$49,900 (BSO/KM-1189)



NEW LISTING. 1995 manufactured home sits on a beautiful wooded lot in AuSable Woods. Close to snowmobile trail and E. Br. AuSable River. 1232 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths new, 24x30 garage (fenced in) and a large storage building. Includes stove and refrigerator. \$79,900 (DL-1197)



117 FT. AUSABLE RIVER with a gorgeous view from this 3,700 sq. ft. home with three bedrooms, three baths, attached garage, 2x6 walls, built-in appliances, hardwood floors, huge stone fireplace. Lots of storage and many extras. \$229,000 (TV-1130)



AUSABLE RIVER 3 bedroom secluded home, large rooms, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, fireplace, sunroom, 2 baths, carport, garage, boathouse, underground sprinkler, dock at river. \$179,000 (DM-1255)



300' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE. 2700 sq. ft. home with 7 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sauna, fireplace, sprinkler system, spring-fed pond, and much more all on approximately 7 acres for privacy. This home would make a great full-time residence or weekend retreat. A GREAT BUY AT \$187,000 (LJ-1256)

SALES TEAM



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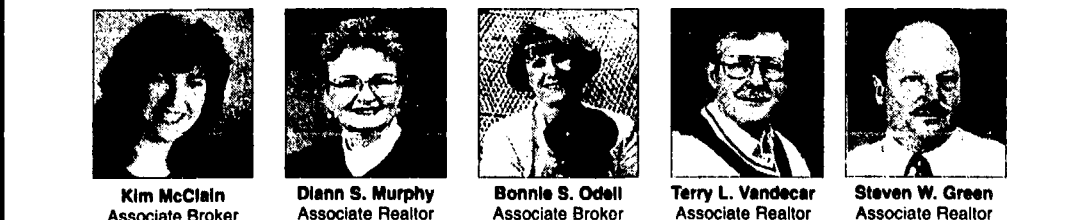
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2. For Rent

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM home with garage, close to town. \$400 month. security deposit required. References required. No pets. (517) 348-8386 (-22-29-6-13/2)

FOR RENT Two bedroom house in town \$475 plus utilities. \$500 deposit. Call (517) 348-8922 (4/22/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM duplex close to town. utilities included. \$335 no security deposit required. References required. No pets. (517) 348-8386 (-22-29-6-13/2)

FOR RENT Nice, clean two bedroom. \$375 month plus deposit. No pets. (517) 348-2418 (-22/2)

2. For Rent

FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. two year old 90% efficient gas (propane) furnace. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$350 month plus security. (734) 459-6641. (-8-15-22/2)

2. For Rent

TWO COMMERCIAL SPACES for lease. North Business Loop, 1,100 square feet main floor. 650 square feet basement. For information (517) 348-8922. (4/8/99tf/2)

FOR RENT Office building 1,000, 2,000, or 3,000 sq. ft. Available, M-72 West. Call Randy (517) 348-5474. (1/7/99tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Three bedroom home with attached two car garage located 3027 Rasmus Drive. Natural gas, Section 8 approved \$600, first and last months rent. Immediate occupancy. Call Ron at (517) 348-6761. (3/18/99tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. Inquire Timberly Village Mobile Park, Old 27 North, Grayling. (4/15/99tf/2)

401-B BRINK STREET Two bedroom upstairs apartment. Remodeled and redecorated. \$385 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call (517) 348-4006 between 9-5:30. (-1-8-15-22-29/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM HOUSE in country. Eight miles south of Grayling. References and deposit required. \$425 per month. (517) 275-4126 (-15-22-29-6/2)

2. For Rent

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RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Persons must be 62 years or older, or handicapped and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy available. Barrier free apartments in the building. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

FOR RENT small two bedroom cabin on Ausable River close to town. \$350 plus utilities. Security deposit required. (517) 348-3130 after 5 p.m. (-22/2)

1. Real Estate



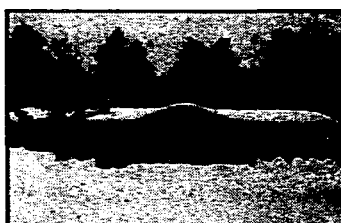
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Home 348-1136

Office 348-5474



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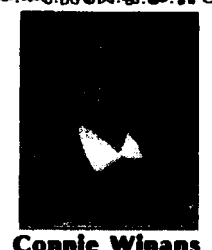
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Old Kent Bank - Gaylord is seeking an individual to fulfill the duties of Commercial Loan Officer. The position entails servicing and developing client relationships in Gaylord and the Greater North Central Lower Michigan region. Client relationships encompass meeting the credit and cash management needs of professionals, small businesses and individual entrepreneurs. Persons interested in applying for this position should possess the following: credit analysis skills, the ability to communicate effectively, introductory lending experience, an understanding of bank products, current knowledge of the economic environment and an interest in community activities.

Old Kent employees enjoy an excellent working environment, competitive salary and one of the best benefit programs in the industry. For consideration on the above, please send a resume and cover letter to Old Kent Human Resources Dept., 102 W. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

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Will work as a member of the Interdisciplinary Treatment Teams in recommending and providing registered nursing consultant services to individuals with Developmental Disabilities. These services will occur most frequently in residential settings. Will perform annual nursing assessments; develop and monitor health care plans; conduct health reviews; conduct inservice training. Must be Registered Nurse. Location: Cadillac or Houghton Lake. Competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and salary history to Human Resources, North Central Community Mental Health, 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 by 5:00 p.m. 5/7/99.

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MERCY AMICARE HOMECARE & HOSPICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

HOMECARE-Contingent Respiratory Therapist. Candidate will be responsible for initial in-home respiratory equipment set-up and instruction. You will document physical and psychosocial assessments of the clients presenting symptoms, obtaining diagnostic information on clients and assess existing and potential problem areas, needs and resources of individuals, families and significant others and set priorities in collecting data and developing a plan of treatment. The successful candidate will be a Registered Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician. One to two years durable medical equipment experience a plus. Please contact Maureen Hayes, Clinical Manager.

CUSTOMER SERVICE TECHNICIAN-Contingent-Grayling Office Responsibilities include delivering products and supplies to client homes, providing operating instructions on standard durable medical equipment items and assisting with inventory management, warehouse and vehicle maintenance. This position requires a high school diploma or GED, and a good driving record with appropriate license. Familiarity with durable medical equipment preferred. Please contact Brenda Lake, Business Manager.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383

OR
PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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3. Employment

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300' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE NORTH BRANCH. Spotless getaway/home with private setting, abundance of wildlife and exceptional views of the river. Riverside screen porch. House sets on a river bend only 40' from the water and features Barber carpet and light color knotty pine T & G. All appliances and furnishings are included. \$169,500 CH-954



694' FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER. Mostly furnished retreat on Prime Trout Stream. Pristine setting amongst majestic White and Norway Pines. Total seclusion from any neighboring properties. Home only 50' setback. Extensive views both up and down river as dwelling is built on Horseshoe bend in river. Back fireplace with heater and glass doors. French doors onto heated waterside deck. Garage is insulated heated-drywall and utility tub. \$159,900 CH-953

3. Employment

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SECRETARIAL Law firm is seeking personable individual to fill secretarial position. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume and cover letter to: P.O. Box 215, Grayling, MI 49738. (-15-22/3)

TRUCK DRIVER Central Michigan Lumber of Grayling has immediate opening for Class B licensed driver. Five day work week, no overnights, Sundays or major holiday. Position includes a full range of benefits. Call (517) 348-7686 for additional information. Ask for Manager. (-22-29/3)

PART-TIME WAIT STAFF and cashier for year round or summer needed. Apply at China West Chinese Restaurant, 301 S. James St. (-22/3)

ESTIMATOR Northern Michigan Industrial Equipment Company has opening for Estimator. Products are automation systems, material handling equipment, structural and industrial dust collection. Candidate must have a minimum of two years of college, majoring in business or engineering as well as having at least five years of manufacturing or construction experience, with skills in math, computer word processing, electronic spreadsheets, data bases, technical writing, blue prints and customer communication. Qualified applicants, please reply to: Crawford County Avalanche, Attn: FR, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 (-22-29/3)

PROPOSAL WRITER Northern Michigan Industrial Equipment Company has an opening for a proposal writer. Products are automation systems, material handling equipment, structural, and industrial dust collection. Candidate must have a minimum of two years of college, majoring in business or engineering, and five years manufacturing or construction experience, with skills in computer word processing, technical writing, customer communication, and electronic databases. All qualified applicants please reply to: Crawford County Avalanche, ATTN: RS, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 (-15-22/3)

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for production workers. Apply in person at Custom Forest Products, 2669 Industrial Drive, Grayling. No phone calls please. (-15-22/3)

HOUSEKEEPING OPENING at Pay's Motel. North I-75 Business Loop. Phone (517) 348-7031 (-22-29/3)

FICK AND SONS seeking Propane Service Technician and Propane Deliver Driver. Job requirements must have a CDL license. Responsibilities include setting up propane tanks and performing service work on gas appliances. Delivering propane at residential houses etc. Please mail resume to: Fick and Sons, 113 Fig Street, Grayling, MI 49738, Attention: Scott Gabriel. (-22-29/3)

COOK AND WAIT STAFF Apply in person Fox Run Country Club, 5825 W. Four Mile Rd., Grayling. (-22-29/3)

GLAZIER NEEDED No experience necessary, will train. Apply in person at Grayling Glass, 1178 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (-15-22/3)

Forest Dunes Golf & C.C. located in the Grayling/Roscommon area is now hiring for golf course maintenance personnel.

Please call
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and ask for
Pat or Ken.

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3. Employment

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PART-TIME KITCHEN HELP Apply in person at 471 Stephan Bridge Rd., Gates AuSable Lodge. (-15-22/3)

ROUTE SALES POSITION Needed for snack food company. Full benefits and vehicle provided. Northern Michigan route. Send resume to: P.O. Box 339, Hazel Park, MI 48030 (248) 541-0717 Fax (-22/3)

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SEASONAL HELP NEEDED in the following areas: Golf Course maintenance, restaurant, wait-staff bartenders, line cooks, dishwasher/bus, beach house attendants. Interested applicants please apply in person at the management office at Lake of the North Association, 5950 Sky trails Ct. Mancelona, MI 49659 (616) 585-6000 References required. (-1-8-15-22/3)

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE to assist two individuals in their own home with daily living. Eight hour shifts 4 p.m.-12 p.m. and 12 a.m.-8 a.m. Full and part-time needed. Benefits, training provided. Call Northern Management at 517-732-6374. (11/12/98tf/3)

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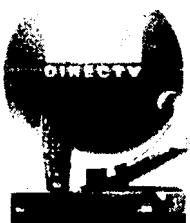
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3. Employment

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CENA Full-time, part-time. Call Lynn (517) 732-3508. (-22-29/3)

PODIATRY ASSISTANT wanted to work with geriatric patients. Will train. Must have reliable transportation. Send resume to: Nursing Home Group, 200 Huron Suite 100, Grayling, MI 49738. (-8-15-22-29/3)

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR Excavation, heavy equipment, logging farming, and/or welding experience helpful. Downstate Michigan, housing provided. Pay based on experience \$10 plus/hour. Phone (616) 947-1990; Fax (616) 947-1992 (-22/3)

3. Employment

SCHEER MOTORS in Grayling has an opening for a highly motivated Service Advisor. Mechanical and computer experience helpful. Pay is very competitive including paid vacations. Blue Cross insurance and 401K retirement plan. Must have a valid drivers license. If you enjoy working with the public this job is for you. Please stop by our Service Department and pick up an application. No Phone Calls Please! (4/22/99tf/3)

SURVEY CREW CHIEF Wade-Trim, a civil engineering, surveying, planning and consulting firm has immediate openings available in its Gaylord office for Survey Personnel for the summer months. Experience in road layout and topographic surveys, TDS, Softdesk, Autocad and Inroads computer helpful. Position depends upon experience with pay commensurate. Could develop into full-time employment. Please send resume and salary requirements to: HR, Wade-Trim, Inc., P.O. Box 618, Gaylord, MI 49734. EEO/AAP (-15-22/3)

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8. Announcements

AUCTION

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. • Owner: Mrs. Joanne Foley
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UPRIGHT FREEZER \$100. Electric stove \$35. works good, need one, burner fixed. Both white. (517) 348-6528 (-22/5)

20' OMNI ANGLER PONTOON with C40 Yamaha, power trim and tilt. Livewell, playpen cover. \$10,645 Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

'94 SYLVAN 20 FEET: Party Fish pontoon with 40 hp Johnson oil Inj power tilt, Fishfinder \$650 Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

'87 STARCRAFT SS160 Pro50 Yamaha Oil Inj/Power tilt, bow cover, side plus aft curtains, trailer. \$5,495 Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

'97 STARCRAFT 24' PONTOON 90hp Mercury Oil Inj/Power tilt loaded with all the Amenities Hoosier trailer. \$15,000 Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

SMALL FISHING PACKAGES! 12' to 16' rowboats, 4 hp to 25 hp motors. Galvanized trailers, from \$2,288 or as low as \$55 a month. Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

16' STAR CRAFT boat with motor and trailer. \$3,500 (517) 348-9533 (-22/5)

5. For Sale

1973 14' ALUMINUM BOAT 25 horse Evinrude and trailer. \$1,500 (517) 348-7779 (-22/5)

15 HP Eska outboard motor, excellent condition with tank \$300. Two girls mountain bikes 15 and 18 speed. New McCulloch mini-mac chainsaw, runs good \$50. Gold's gym home trainer, new, never used, \$200. Smith Corona word processing typewriter excellent \$75. RC-10 radio control car, lots of extras. Super Nintendo with games. Other stuff too. Prices negotiable. Call (517) 348-5247. (-22/5)

SNOWMOBILE & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AUCTION Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. accessories/tools: 10 a.m. new and used snowmobile trailers/boats/campers: 11:15 a.m. 1999 through 1970 snowmobiles, three and four wheelers, dirt bikes and jet skis. You can sell or buy. (sorry no cars/trucks, motor home/ or street bikes. Low selling fees—buyers/sellers from five states. Informational recording (517) 369-1153 or web site www.snowmobileauuction.com. Terms—cash, travelers checks, Visa-MC-Discover with 3% buyers premium, no checks accepted! White Star Snowmobile Auction, Inc. on US12 east of Bronson, Michigan. (-22/5)

SNOWMOBILE 1990 Artic Cat. \$900. Swing set \$50. Two end tables and coffee table \$40. Call (517) 348-1084. (-22/5)

'90 STARCRAFT SUPER FISHERMAN 180 with 60 hp Mercury Oil Inj/Power tilt trailer, trolling motor, spare tire. One year warranty on motor \$9,200 Pioneer Hills Marine. 10914 N. Cut Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-5175 (-22/5)

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98tf/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED Anything that had to do with Bear Archery while they were still here in Grayling. Bows, arrows, quivers, pictures, etc. Please call Pete Kocenas at (517) 348-8627. (4/15/99tf/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LOST LUGGAGE I-75 South. Saturday, April 10. Call (517) 348-2292 (-22/7)

Well Worth The Trip To Victorian Millworks! Expanded stock including Amish handcrafted dining sets, Richards quality bedding, Flexsteel recliners and much more. I-75 exit 215, M-55, one mile east of West Branch. (517) 345-2540

8. Announcements

PIE AUCTION On May 2, 1999 the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Youth Group will hold a Pie Auction from 4-6. Entertainment by the youth. Pie donations are appreciated. PS: The "Jagg" will take a pie in the face when we've earned \$1,000. (-15-22-29/8)

SIX WEEK DOG TRAINING class held in Grayling, Thursday, 6 p.m. Call trainer Rick Wells (616) 929-3431. (-15-22/8)

Answers

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Calling all Kindergartners!

Planning has begun for fall of '99. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, you need to register! Please fill out a **Kindergarten Survey**. These forms are available at local preschools, daycares, and elementary schools. Hurry...the sooner you register the better!

Kindergarten Carnival Coming Soon!!
AuSable Primary
AuSable Primary April 27th
Frederic Elementary April 26th
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

11. Automotive

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1993 Chevrolet Cavalier 2 Dr. - sharp, older car

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8. Announcements


THE GRAYLING AREA CHAMBER of Commerce is now accepting applications for a food vendor for the AuSable River Festival Fine Arts & Crafts Show. The applicants must agree to pay a minimum of \$300 or highest bid, to the Chamber of Commerce. Please send a written proposal to: Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738. Proposals must be received by the Chamber before May 15, 1999. (-22-29/8)

NORTHERN ONTARIO FISHING Walleye, Northerns, Perch, Speckled Trout. Six days of fishing for as little as \$215 U.S. Call Earl. 1-705-239-2736. (LR5/27/99/8)

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STAKE OUT STEAK HOUSE coming to Grayling in May. Located at 1081 S. I-75 Bus. Loop The former Bear's Country Inn building. (-22/8)

9. Personals


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Happy 16th Birthday

Lordy Lordy Dori is Forty!

Love Your Family & Friends


So now it's time for him to say,
"Thanks to all, by the way."
He's having fun being Citizen of the Year,
With all his pals he considers so dear.
Tom once told me when he drew me near,
That not having enough friends was his only fear!

To all my good friends in Crawford County, thanks for the thanks!!

11. Automotive

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BIG GARAGE SALE April 24-25 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 2658 E. Lakeshore Dr. at Lake Margrethe. Exercise, sport and office equipment, household goods, antiques and TV's. (-22/10)

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11. Automotive

1990 ISUZU PICK UP Runs great, body in excellent condition with topper. \$2,000 Call (517) 348-6787. (-22/11)

1986 OLDS CUTLASS CIERA \$475 Phone (517) 348-8035. (-22/11)

'92 T-BIRD V-6, auto, power seal windows, A/C, AM/FM, tape deck, very good condition. \$2,995 (517) 275-4126 (-15-22-29-6/11)

1992 SUBURU LEGACY Power locks, windows, brakes and steering. Five-speed transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM cassette. 111,000 miles. \$4,400 (517) 348-4304 (4/1/99tf/11)

AUTO FINANCING Don't pre-judge your credit. If you have one year on the job or three years continuous and gross at least \$1,300 per month we may be able to help. For confidential phone interview please call John Brorby 1-800-516-1212. (-22-29/11)

FOR SALE '97 Toyota Camry LE, Loaded, sunroof, four cylinder, four door, 26,000 miles, air, electric, doors, locks, windows. Like new condition! \$16,000 Call (517) 348-7893. (2/11/99tf/11)

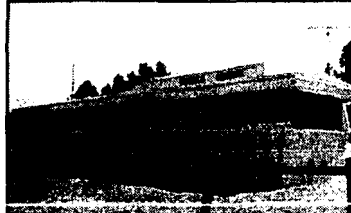
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Great home with rustic charm and very close to the river. #4432 \$63,900 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Great recreational property or full time residence. 432' of frontage on West Lake. Excellent location for that outdoor enthusiast. Property adjoins a national forest and offers a peaceful setting. Wildlife galore for the outdoorsman. #4433 \$62,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



Well maintained mobile home. Offers a new metal roof, new water tank, new furnace and new well pump. Great location for snowmobiling and fishing the famous North Branch of the AuSable River. Land contract terms with 20% down; \$350/month at 10% for 3 years. #4329 Reduced \$24,000 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



Commercial-Office/Services. Extremely motivated seller. Creative financing available. Versatile building has a great location on the corner of M-72 East and Brink Street. Is currently utilized as a duplex, however, with a few minor adjustments, would make an excellent office or service location! Excellent condition. #4312 \$75,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



This home has been totally refinished from roof to floor and fully insulated. #4379 \$70,000 Ask for John Kuszak!



Ready to move right in! This quality home has 3 large bedrooms and is bright and cheerful throughout. Looks brand new with the new paint and new carpet. Covered front patio is located off the living room via sliding patio doors. #4419 \$58,500 Ask for Connie Winans!

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